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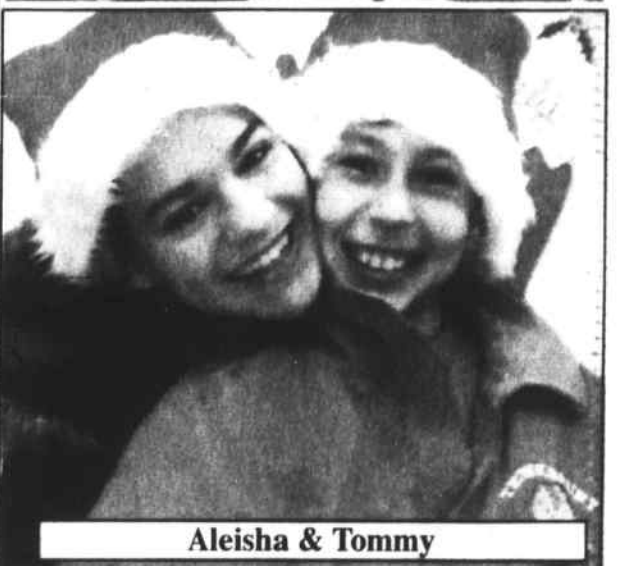
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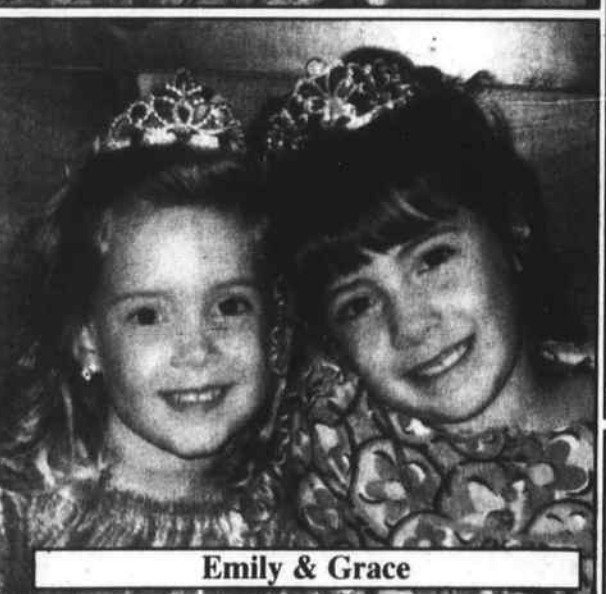
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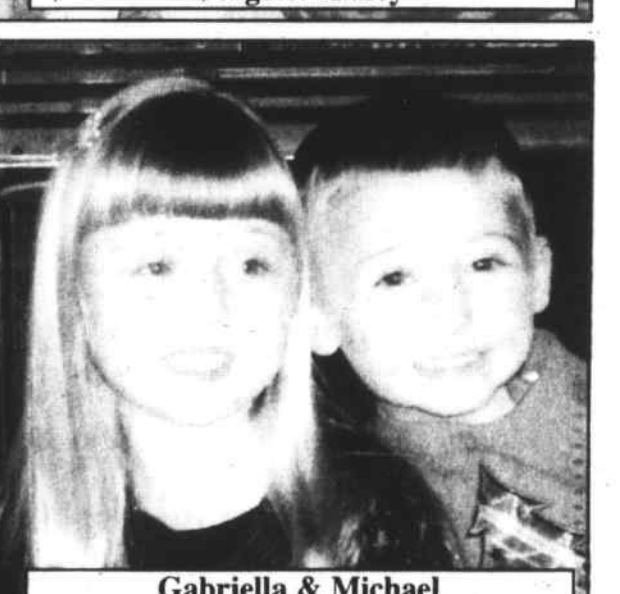
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Knights of Columbus, Council #4336 sponsors Basketball Free Throw Council Championship

The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, Council #4336 is sponsoring the Council Free Throw Championship for 2008 at the School, John W. Wynn Middle School (Tewksbury), and 5 p.m. on January 4th, 2009. This Free Throw Championships (Council Division) is for Boys and Girls ages 10-11 and 12 through 14, proof of age is required (Birth Certificates) at

the time of registration. Eligibility of age will be as of January 1st, 2009. Those that participate and win will move on to the next level of competition at the District Championships in February (time and place to be determined). Should you have any questions call Dan Morris at (978) 851-8157.

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by Joyce Brisbois



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school gang this holiday season as the stage at North Shore Music Theatre transforms into the Lava Springs Country Club for this LIVE musical performance of your favorite Disney movie.

Tewksbury's Louise Davy Trahan school is offering the opportunity to purchase tickets for Disney's "High School Musical 2". Available dates for the show are Dec 18 to January 11; all shows are at the North Shore Music Theater.

You may purchase tickets online at: nsmt.org or by calling the NSMT box office at (978) 232-7200.

Please be sure to use our school code FLD11 when ordering and the Trahan School will receive \$10 for every ticket purchased.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*JUNIOR BASKETBALL (Shawsheen School Gym)

Grades 1 & 2, Late registration fee: \$40. Late registrations will be accepted based on availability.

Saturdays, January 10 - February 14, (6 Weeks), Team Pictures: Saturday, January 24.

This instructional league introduces the basics. Teams play a staggered schedule of hourly sessions that include drills and scrimmages. Registration forms are available on our website.

KINDER BASKETBALL (West Inter. School Cafeteria)

Ages 4 - Kindergarten, \$30, Saturdays, January 24 - February 14, (4 Weeks).

Choose from: 8:30 - 9:20 a.m. or 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:20 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Just like the big kids, it is basketball season for you, too! Learn to play the game and have some fun!

*"THE ROOKIES" (Formerly T-Ball)

Currently in Kindergarten & Grade 1, \$25, Monday, May 4 - Friday, June 12, (6 Weeks).

This co-ed program begins with two weeks of T-Ball (Spring Training!) and moves forward into the season with coaches pitching. Teams will practice once a week to allow players to improve their baseball/softball skills and have one game each week for fun! Registration begins Tuesday, February 3. Registration deadline is Friday, March 27. Forms are available on our website.

KINDER SOCCER (West Intermediate Gym)

Ages 4 & 5 not yet in Kindergarten, \$35, Saturdays, March 7 - April 4, (5 Weeks).

Choose from: 8:30 - 9:20 a.m. or 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Just like the big kids, now you can play soccer indoors while learning about the game. Don't wait - classes fill quickly!

CREATIVE PLAY (Bonnie LeRoux - Town Hall Auditorium)

\$60 each session, Thursdays, January 8 - February 12 or February 26 - April 2, (6 Weeks).

Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2 - 3: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 3 - 4: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Come share in the excitement! A new theme is used each week to stimulate your child's imagination.

Activities include arts, crafts, stories and music.

KIDS IN MOTION (Jennifer Tortolano - Woburn Street School Cafeteria)

Ages 2 - 4, \$45, Saturdays, January 10 - February 7, (5 Weeks), 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Children will love their first "gym class"! These sessions incorporate rhythm and movement using a variety of props and music.

KINDER KARATE (Brett Gonsalves - Woburn Street School Cafeteria)

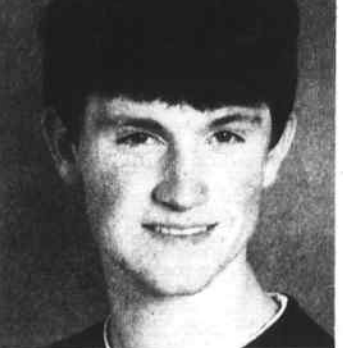
Ages 4 - Grade 1, \$30, Saturdays, January 10 - February 7, (5 Weeks), 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

An introduction to the art. Warm-ups, basic moves and body strikes will be featured. Continuing students are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL TEA PARTY (Christine Downey - Town Hall Auditorium)

Ages 15 and up, \$10, Friday, January 9 - February 13, (6 Weeks), 4 - 4:50 p.m.

Snow Plow 1 - 3 or basic skating ability is a prerequisite for this program. Learn skating techniques for playing hockey (no sticks or pucks yet!). Participants grouped by level of ability. Hockey skates and helmet required. Price includes a \$10 annual fee.



John SanClemente on honor roll

GROTON, MA - Lawrence Academy congratulates senior John SanClemente, who was named to the academic honor roll for the fall trimester. John is the son of Marilyn and David SanClemente of Tewksbury.

Tewksbury School committee announces meetings

The Tewksbury School Committee will hold regular meetings on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 and on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center, at the John W. Wynn Middle School.

The Budget Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Library Media Center, at the John W. Wynn Middle School.

Swim lessons beginning at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica will begin accepting registration for their winter swim session on Saturday, January 17th. They offer an eight week: parent and

child class, swim lessons for age's 6 months-adult, water aerobics, and aqua-jogging. Class size is limited and they fill quickly. For more info. Call (978) 667-2193 or visit us at 19

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Contact person: Cheryl Farrell 19 Campbell Rd. Billerica, Ma. 01821 (978) 667-2193

Caitlyn Mondello accepted to Thomas College

WATERVILLE, ME - Caitlyn Mondello of Tewksbury has been accepted to Thomas College starting in September of 2009.

Mondello is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Beth Mondello. She plans to major in Elementary Education.

Founded in 1894, Thomas

College is a private college that offers baccalaureate and master's degrees, and provides higher education to many who might not otherwise attend college, particularly first generation college students from Maine. The College prepares undergraduate and graduate students for careers in business, technology, education, liberal arts and criminal justice.

Thomas is the only college in the nation that guarantees its graduates employment within six months of graduation. For more information, please visit www.thomas.edu.

Shawsheen Tech hosts presentation on College financing

BILLERICA - Parents and students are invited to attend MEFA's free comprehensive presentation on College Financing. The seminar will be hosted by Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School

on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. An experienced MEFA representative will discuss the financial aid process. The seminar will teach parents how to apply for financial aid, compare financial aid award

letters, and seek available financing options. Families will receive a seminar booklet which serves as a year-round resource. Time is allowed for questions and answers.

New Year's Eve, VFW style

TEWKSBURY - Celebrate the New Year with the VFW in Tewksbury.

Everyone is invited as the VFW will be holding a New Years Eve Party on Wednesday, December 31, 2008, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with a social hour between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The menu will include: Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Soup, Ziti, and Meatballs, along with snacks, coffee and deserts. Pro DJ Entertainment will be playing your favorite tunes. The price is just \$25.00 per person. To reserve a table for you and your friends, please call Vinnie at 978-618-7946.

Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening and ring in the New Year!

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Five hours: no license for Mobil

Courtroom drama without the courtroom

By CHARITY B. LEGVOLD

WILMINGTON - Following nearly five hours of a public hearing on Monday night, the Wilmington Board of Selectmen once again denied the transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store license from the now-defunct B&B Liquor Station to the Santini Family Inc., d/b/a Sonny's Mobil on the Run at 316 Lowell Street.

It was a public hearing that opened nearly an hour late as lawyers for both the Town and the Santini family were delayed in traffic. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Michael Newhouse opened the meeting and explained that the Board would be acting as the local liquor licensing authority when the public hearing resumed (from the original July 14 hearing). He then tapped Town Counsel Paul DeRensis to take over the chair for the meeting to avoid the appearance of any conflict with several other members of the Board whose actions and intentions had been called into question when the matter was heard by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC).

Newhouse recused himself from all substantive discussion and voting on this hearing and seated himself in the audience to observe proceedings. As he'd explained when the July hearing opened, as an attorney he'd had occasion to speak with a party of interest in this matter. Although he had no actual conflict, in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict, and in order to refrain from publicly identifying a client, he recused himself.

On June 6, 2008 the Santini Family, Inc. filed an application for the license transfer. On July 14, 2008 the matter was discussed in a public hearing, and on July 24, 2008, the Board issued a written decision denying the transfer. An appeal was filed with the ABCC and on October 17 an Appeal Hearing took place followed by a written

opinion from the ABCC on October 27 in favor of Santini. Although the ABCC has no jurisdiction, it suggested that the Board of Selectmen revisit this issue and reconsider the denial. At its November 10 meeting, the Board of Selectmen decided to reconvene the public hearing at the Monday, December 22, meeting.

DeRensis informed the audience and the parties that the purpose of this hearing was to bring forth any new information that had come forth since the ABCC hearing or to respond to anything that was presented at that hearing, but counsel for Santini continued to present the audience with photos and documents that were already in evidence at the ABCC hearing.

"I don't believe these are part of the record..." said Santini lawyer Thomas Orlandi repeatedly as he presented his evidence. Meanwhile, Wilmington Town Counsel Dan Deutsch repeatedly pointed out the exhibit numbers from the ABCC hearing thereby demonstrating that very little new information was being presented.

As the two lawyers questioned and cross-examined witnesses and threw around legal jargon and objections, DeRensis reminded everyone that this is not a court and that judiciary rules of evidence do not apply. The purpose of the public hearing was to shed light on any new information or clarify any misinformation that may have been previously submitted.

Both sides submitted photos that showed their side of things. Derek Santini showed that parking was not a problem and that employees do indeed park onsite. New photos taken by a police detective showed parking violations and traffic concerns with the location.

Both lawyers questioned traffic expert James Wynn and Police Chief Michael Begonis

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Oil spill on Brattle

By CHARITY B. LEGVOLD

WILMINGTON - Heavy rains in the month of December brought more than ground water to the surface in one Brattle Street residence, and when the sump pump kicked in at 19 Brattle Street it also pumped an oil deposit into a brook that runs through the neighborhood.

The oil deposits resulted from leaking pipes in the home. Deputy Fire Chief Ed Corcoran, one of the responders on the night of December 17, explained that "in the old days" oil lines were run under concrete floors and that, over time, concrete and pipes would deteriorate and rot, causing leaks. Corcoran said that is what appears to have happened on Brattle Street. Although the homeowner had already replaced the pipes, the heavy rains brought previously existing contamination to the surface and the sump pump put it

out into the brook.

The Wilmington Fire Department responded and placed absorbent booms (large rounds of absorbent material) into the water. Oil is drawn to these specially designed booms, which absorb the oil while the water runs freely below.

Corcoran could not say how long the pipes had been leaking, or how much oil was involved in the spill. It could be seen on the surface of the water and the oil could be seen in some ice that formed on the edges. He noted that the homeowner had not noticed a dramatic increase in oil consumption.

Fire Department Lieutenant Dan Hurley, who also responded to the scene, said that regulations call for them to make a call to the Department of Environmental Protection for anything greater than 10 gallons. Since there was more than 10 gallons of home heating oil involved in this incident they reported it immediately to the DEP, which dispatched a technician that night to evaluate the scene.

The DEP notified the homeowners that they would be required to hire an environmental clean-up company. Lt. Hurley said that he'd been told the family hired a company

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A head on collision on Richmond Street had traffic at a standstill on Thursday evening. The driver of this 2000 Honda S2000 crossed the centerline and slammed into a First Class Auto vehicle. Serious injuries were sustained, but fortunately there were no fatalities.

Crash on Richmond Street

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - A head-on collision on Richmond Street Thursday, December 18, resulted in serious injuries and snarled traffic for more than an hour on Route 38, Route 129, and Shawshen Avenue.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, a 2000 Honda S2000 traveling southbound on Main Street (Route 38) turned onto Richmond Street (Route 129) and crossed the centerline into

oncoming traffic at the Fred Cain Bridge. Witness accounts stated that the S2000, operated by Kerry Maiato, 23, of Tewksbury, was speeding at the time. At least one witness stated that Maiato appeared to have lost control of his vehicle, while another witness stated that his S2000 was simply traveling in the wrong lane.

Maiato's vehicle slammed into a 2008 Honda CRV owned by First Class Auto School.

Riding inside the CRV was a driving instructor and two students.

Emergency personnel attended to the people in the vehicles while Wilmington Police cordoned off the area. Maiato and his passenger sustained serious injuries. They, along with the three people in the CRV, were all transported to area hospitals. There were no fatalities.

MBTA commuter rail trains, which pass underneath the

Fred Cain Bridge, were stopped for a short time while the scene was being worked.

State Police Crash Analysis Division responded, and is assisting Wilmington Police in the ongoing investigation.

Maiato has been cited for speeding and for operating a motor vehicle as to endanger.

Tewksbury and Woburn police provided mutual aid while Wilmington police dealt with the incident.

A look back at Wilmington of yesteryear...

Wilmington's real Santa

By LARZ F. NELSON

WILMINGTON - Every child brought up with the tradition of Santa Claus eventually realizes that Santa seems to be in a lot of different places at the same time. Then, after being told Santa has many helpers, many go on a detective mission, seeking the real Santa.

Larry Noel had the perfect name for his role as Santa Claus. For 20 years, Larry was Santa to the children of Wilmington. More than one youngster said, after sitting in Larry's lap, that this was the real Santa Claus.

He once had a five-year old on one knee, and an eight-year old on the other. The younger brother was cute, but the older one was wise to Santa. He wanted to know if Santa could prove he was the real Santa. He had a test. He asked Santa what he got for Christmas last year.

Santa replied that he got

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Santa Noel made a special appearance at Santa's Workshop on Christmas Eve 1986 especially for Gregory Crescenzo. Gregory had been in the hospital during the scheduled appearance, and he insisted on seeing the REAL Santa.

Teen proves it's always better to give...

Amanda Keane uses her 16th to make Christmas a little sweeter

By CHARITY B. LEGVOLD

WILMINGTON - Sweet Sixteen parties can be known for glitz and glamour and presents, but one Wilmington teen gave her party a very popular and refreshing twist when she asked her guests to bring a gift to donate to the Toys for Tots program in lieu of birthday gifts.

Wilmington High School sophomore Amanda Keane said, "I did not think a gift from everyone was necessary, and since my birthday (December 4) is so close to Christmas I thought Toys for Tots would be

a good choice."

The Toys for Tots website explains, "Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMC and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The

1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign."

According to the website (www.toysfortots.org), "The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

On December 6, Keane's

friends and families brought their presents to her party at Tabu nightclub in Saugus where they celebrated her special day. Marine Corps representatives picked up the toys to prepare them for holiday deliveries, which take place on December 23 and 24.

"The kids really got into it and were excited. Some people brought three or four gifts, even some who could not attend sent gifts with friends," said Keane.

Would Keane do it again or recommend it to others? "Absolutely," was her quick and

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Letter to the editor

Instructor and students safe

To all our friends...

I'd like to thank the community for the tremendous support and concern we've received after one of our instructors, Nancy, and two of our students were injured in an accident on Richmond Street, Wilmington on Thursday night (December 18th).

While a student was operating our vehicle another vehicle came across the centerline and struck our vehicle head on. It was a terrible scene; one I hope I'll never have to see again.

The scene was so horrific that I was battling with my emotions and had seriously considered closing the school. Having to deal with the thought that a dear friend and two students trusted to our care were injured in one of my instructional vehicles was overwhelming. I am very dedicated and passionate about my teaching and to my students. This accident will now become a part of my experience, one that I will share in my teaching.

The safety systems in our vehicle did their job and nobody in our vehicle was

severely injured. There were seat belt and air bag injuries, but I'd hate to think of what would have happened if they were not there.

Wilmington, Tewksbury and Billerica safety personnel arrived quickly. They removed and transported Nancy and the students to local hospitals for treatment and, thankfully, everyone went home that night.

We don't yet know the condition of the people in the other vehicle but our thoughts and prayers are with them, and we hope yours are as well.

In the days following the accident I have received so many calls from concerned parents and students asking how everyone was doing. Everyone in our vehicle is home and well and can enjoy the holidays, albeit with some physical and emotional bruising.

Thank you so much for your concern and well wishes. They are welcome and appreciated more than you know.

Debra Smith, President First Class Auto School, Inc
Wilmington



Wilmington Cooks

by Paula Murphy

Happy holidays! Many of us are entertaining this week, and have asked for good appetizer recipes. Here are some you've told me about.

Jalapeno Poppers (makes 50 appetizers)

25 whole jalapeno peppers, sliced in half, with seeds removed

1 pound bacon
2 large tubs cream cheese
1 cup cheddar or Mexican blend cheese

1 cup milk
3 eggs, beaten with milk flour, for dredging
2 cups plain bread crumbs

Fry bacon and make bacon bits. Mix bacon, cream cheese and cheddar or Mexican blend. Stuff jalapeños with mixture. Dip each pepper in egg/milk mixture, then in flour. Fry until brown, and allow to cool. Dip in egg/milk mixture again,

roll in bread crumbs, and fry again until golden. Serve with 4 tablespoons mayonnaise mixed with a jar of salsa as dipping sauce.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

1 package Perdue already-cooked chicken

1 bar cream cheese
Frank's red hot sauce
4 ounces blue cheese crumbles

2 cups cheddar cheese
Cut up chicken and marinate in red hot sauce for ½ hour. Put softened cream cheese in a microwavable dish, and pour chicken over. Top with cheddar and blue cheese. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Warm in microwave when time to serve.

Italian Appetizer Bites

2 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls
½ pound salami, sliced thin

¼ pound provolone cheese
¼ pound ham, sliced thin (I used ¼ pound prosciutto and ¼ pound ham)

7 eggs
1 cup grated parmesan cheese

2 jars (12 ounces each) roasted red peppers, drained (I used one jar roasted peppers and one jar Pastene hot and sweet cherry peppers)

Heat over to 350 degrees. Coat a 13 X 9 inch glass baking dish with non-stick spray. Unroll one package of the crescent rolls and line the bottom of the dish. Pinch seams together with fingers.

Cover dough with half the salami, then provolone, then ham. Lightly beat together six of the eggs and the parmesan cheese; pour half of the mixture over the top of cold cuts. Top with one jar drained peppers. Repeat. Top with remaining package of cres-

cent rolls.

Lightly beat the remaining egg and brush over top. Cover dish with foil; bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 30 minutes (watch crust carefully; cover again if it gets too brown). Cool for one hour. Cut into small squares and serve.

Pepperoni Squares

1 ½ cups flour
2 cups milk
2 eggs
4 ounces sharp cheddar shredded or in small pieces
4 ounces shredded mozzarella

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Mix all ingredients (I use a mixer). Pour into a greased 9 X 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cut into small squares and serve.

Steps to take if a retailer goes bankrupt

Natick, MA, December 23, 2008 - As a result of the declining economy, the number of retailers closing their doors has increased substantially, leaving confused shoppers wondering what will happen to goods they haven't received, gift cards and outstanding warranties. Your Better Business Bureau if offering general advice for consumers on what to do if a retailer closes up shop without fulfilling its promises.

The current freeze on credit is having a serious impact on businesses. Bankruptcy filings by U.S. businesses rose 67 percent in September over the previous year, according to data compiled by Automated Access to Court Electronic Records. Some of the bigger names filing for bankruptcy in 2008 include A Sharper Image, Linens n' Things, Lillian Vernon, Levitz Furniture and most recently Mervyn's department store chain.

"Business bankruptcy filings increased 41.6 percent in the first half of this year compared to 2007, and the U.S. economy saw nearly 34,000 businesses go under," said Paula Fleming, vice president of communications and marketing for BBB. "In the wake of so many bankruptcies, and with many businesses pinning their hopes on the holiday season, customers have been and will most likely continue to be in the dark, wondering if they'll ever get the goods they

paid for or if the gift cards they are holding are even worth anything."

When a retailer files for bankruptcy, it will commonly file Chapter 11, which means the company intends to reorganize and continue to do business, or Chapter 7, which means the company will close up for good and liquidate any assets in order to pay creditors. If a business intends to continue operations under Chapter 11, it will often still redeem gift cards, fulfill services and deliver on goods. Some Chapter 11 bankruptcies, however, quickly turn into Chapter 7 and then the chances for the consumer to receive any compensation are greatly diminished.

Following is advice from BBB on steps consumers can take if a retailer files for Chapter 7 bankruptcy:

Goods or Services Due
Bankruptcy law is specific regarding who will benefit first in the case of a retailer's liquidation. Unfortunately, customers are at the back of the line. Typically, the money gained from the selling of the company's assets goes to paying back secured creditors, as well as any employee wages, before whatever is left over is divided among customers who didn't receive the promised services or goods.

Customers who paid with credit cards, though, may be able to dispute the charge with the credit card company and

get their money back—for this reason, among others, BBB highly recommends consumers pay with a credit card. For the rest who paid by debit card, check or cash, they will need to file a claim with the bankruptcy court administering the process—the deadline is typically 90 days after the filing date. More information on filing a claim, including downloadable forms, is available online at www.uscourts.gov <<http://www.uscourts.gov>> .

Warranties
The validity of any outstanding warranties varies for each bankruptcy. If a retailer goes out of business, the consumer may be able to rely on the manufacturer's warranty. If a manufacturer goes out of business, the consumer may be able to rely on any warranties provided by the retailer. Many extended warranties and service plans are provided and administered by third parties and are typically not affected by a retailer or manufacturer going bust.

Gift Cards
In cases of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, courts will decide if the business must honor gift cards or certificates. If the business has filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy, the holder must file a claim. In some cases, consumers might actually get at least part of the value of the card back. Some retailers have tried wooing new customers by accepting a bankrupt competitor's gift card - but this is generally a rare circumstance. BBB advises that consumers redeem gift cards as soon as possible in order to avoid any headaches with bankruptcy files and court actions.

For more trustworthy advice

on extended warranties, gift cards, and on how to become a savvy consumer this holiday season, go to www.bbb.org <<http://www.bbb.org>> .

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Poetry Corner

A Special Christmas Present

By Jan Ringdahl 12/08

Many Christmas's have come and gone
And I thought I'd done it right
The gifts were wrapped, the cookies baked
And the tree was shining bright

Santa came and brought the toys
The kids had asked him for
We left a carrot for old Rudolph
And piled gifts upon the floor

Though those Christmas's were special
And memories I won't forget
But I think perhaps this Christmas
Could be the best one yet

There's been little talk of presents
I think this time we got it right
We'll start early in the morning
And make it last throughout the nite

It's the present of a lifetime
It's not found under the tree
It doesn't really cost a lot
In fact I know it's free

It can't be wrapped in shiny paper
And it doesn't need a bow
It's something we all really need
To set our hearts aglow

So what is this special present
What could it possibly be
It's the time you find
It's the love you give
To your friends and family.

Merry Christmas Everyone.

Christmas

By Vincent Spada

Fall gives way to winter, and the ice and bitter cold
The youthful year that we once knew now grows so pale and old
The snow mounts in mighty drifts, and blocks the streets and ways
The sun is seen but few and seldom in these dark and dreary days

But hold, in truth all is not lost. Indeed, we have a reason
to celebrate among the chill of this dim and frosty season
For there is a day, the greatest day, one single moment for cheer
One pure, pure day that lets us know that God is with us here

It is the holiday called Christmas. It is known throughout the land
It is the day when troubles fade, and hand is held in hand
It is a time for giving. It is a time for love
A celebration of the birth of the One who sits above

A happy time. A joyous time. A time for smiles and fun
A time to step back and give thanks for all the good that's done
Don't fret, and don't be sad, despite all your hardships or pain
Keep the faith in your heart and soul, and blissful thoughts you'll gain

Know well that you are loved. Know well that someone cares
Look for God in kindly eyes, for through these He thus stares
Don't get down, don't give up. Don't let the darkness win
Open yourself up to God, and let His greatness in

And suddenly, you'll feel no cold. You'll feel no snow or storm
The rays of heaven will shine on you and keep you always warm
So celebrate with laughter, this time so good and true
Celebrate when God was born, on Earth, and yes, in you

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PUDDING **2 FOR \$1**
1-3.9 OZ.**Mr. Clean**
ERASERS **\$1.99 2 COUNT**



Olivia, Isabella and Zachary Rogers met Santa Claus at Wilmington Town Hall earlier this month.
(photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Winchester Hospital holds 22nd Annual Meeting

Winchester Hospital President and CEO Dale Lodge celebrated the hospital's many 2008 accomplishments at the 22nd annual meeting of the Winchester Healthcare Management Corporation. More than 200 Winchester Hospital board members, corporators, physicians, hospital administrators and other supporters attended the event on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Café Escadrille in Burlington.

In a look back at the many successes of the past year, Lodge noted the hospital's recognition as the top place to work in Massachusetts by The Boston Globe and Boston Business Journal. In addition, Winchester Hospital was ranked No. 2 nationally by Data Advantage in its Hospital Value Index based on cost, quality and the patient experience.

Internal measures also were exceptional. Nursing recognition included a recent physician survey indicating 100 percent satisfaction with nursing care and redesignation of Magnet status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Patient satisfaction survey scores placed Winchester Hospital in the 92nd percentile for inpatient and the 99th percentile for outpatient when compared to other Massachusetts hospitals. Winchester Hospital also earned unanimous approval from the town's Planning Board for its development of a cancer care center at 620 Washington St. in Winchester.

Lodge himself was honored at the event for his 10-year anniversary as president and CEO of Winchester Hospital. The hospital's leadership training program has been officially named The Dale Lodge Leadership Forum, in recognition of his commitment to building strong, empowered and high-performing health care leaders.

Paul Andrews, chairman of the hospital's board of directors, thanked Lodge and all attendees for their ongoing commitment of time, talent and treasure to Winchester Hospital. He specifically acknowledged Dan Ahearn and his fellow investment trustees, Bob Willing and Paul Kaplan, who have served the hospital for more than 30 years.

In additional reports, Dr. Gloria Korta, president of Winchester Hospital's medical staff, shared her continuing commitment to enhancing physician communication through updates regarding key quality measures, patient satisfaction and building projects. Lynn Nicholas, president of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, discussed the importance of health care in Massachusetts and the trend toward data transparency in health care.

Andrews closed the evening by thanking corporators for their unwavering support. He said, "The future will certainly bring with it many new challenges, but I am confident that Winchester will continue to thrive and excel."

About Winchester Hospital Winchester Hospital is the first community hospital in Massachusetts to earn Magnet recognition, the American Nurses Association's highest honor for nursing excellence. As the northwest suburban Boston area's leading provider of comprehensive health care services, the 229-bed facility provides care in orthopedics, general and vascular surgery, pediatrics, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, oncology, gastroenterology, rehabilitation, radiation oncology, pain management, obstetrics/gynecology and a Level IIB Special Care Nursery. Winchester Hospital has clinical affiliations with several nationally recognized hospitals in the region, including Children's Hospital Boston, Tufts Medical Center and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. To learn more, visit www.winchesterhospital.org.



Community Calendar

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Wilmington

Dec. 4 - Christmas: Christmas Trees at the Wilmington United Methodist Church on 89 Church Street. Open Thursday and Friday from 4-9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 30: 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Library hosts All-You-Can-Read Teen Winter Buffet. Pizza Party from 5 - 6 p.m. Register online at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling 978-694-2098.

Tues. Dec. 30: 7:30 p.m. TRC Dept. hosts trip to Disney's High School Musical 2 at N.S. Music Theatre. Price reduction: \$57 for Inner Circle Seat or \$47 for an Upper Circle seat. Call 978-658-4270 for more info.

Tues. Jan. 6: 7 p.m. Library hosts a free presentation of "A Celebration of Indian Dance" with Mouli Pal. Register online at www.wilmlibrary.com or by calling 978-694-2098.

Fri. Jan. 9: 3:30 p.m. Library hosts book discussion on "Dear Max" by D.J. Lucas for children ages 7 and older. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at 978-694-2098.

Tues. & Thurs. Jan. 6-Feb. 12: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Water Aerobics offered at Shaw Tech Pool. \$72. For more info, call 978-658-4270.

Jan. 10 - Feb. 14: Register by Monday, December 1 for Junior Basketball for grades 1 & 2 at the Shawsheen School Gym. For more info, call 978-658-4270.

Tues. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10: 9:30 - 10 a.m. Library hosts "Story Times for Three Year Olds."

Thurs. Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 5: 10:30 - 11 a.m. Library hosts "Time for Twos" a story time program for caregivers and two year-olds.

Fri. Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13: 9:30 - 10 a.m. Library hosts "Story Times for Three Year Olds."

Thurs. Jan. 15, 29, and Feb. 12: 10:30-11 a.m. Library hosts "Baby Time" a story time session most appropriate for the early walker with caregiver.

Feb. 13: Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Comedy Night, tickets on sale soon!

Feb. 14: 3 p.m. Wilmington Rec. Dept. hosts trip to Mohegan Sun, \$35, includes motorcoach, transportation, \$10 free bet, and \$10 food coupon. Arrive back in

Wilmington at approximately 1 a.m. For more info call, 978-658-4270

Tewksbury

Mon. Dec. 29: Dr. Smith's Podiatry Clinic at the Tewksbury Senior Center, \$15. Call 978-540-4480 to sign up.

Wed. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party at the Senior Center, reserve tickets quickly!

Wed. Dec. 31: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. New Years Eve Party at the Tewksbury VFW on Vernon Street. Social Hour between 7 and 8 p.m. \$25, including dinner. To reserve a table for you and your friends (max of 8 people per table) please call Vinnie at 978-618-7946.

Action

Jan. 8, 15, 22: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Colonial Spirit Chorus offers free vocal lesson, \$10 for materials. Regular rehearsals held Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Newtown Road in Acton. visit www.colonialspirit.org.

Lawrence
December 31st: Registration cut-off for Computer Classes for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Mon. Jan. 5 - Feb. 23: 1 - 3 p.m. Computer Basics II Course for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Tues. Jan. 6 - Feb. 24: 1-3 p.m. Exploring Windows XP class for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Wed. Jan. 7 - Feb. 25: 1 - 3 p.m. Internet & Email Class for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Thurs. Jan. 8 - Feb. 26: 1-3 p.m. Computer Basics I Class for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Fri. Jan. 9 - Feb. 27: 1 - 3 p.m. Computer Basics II Class for Seniors at SeniorNet Computer Learning Center located at 360 Merrimack St in Lawrence.

Reading

Sun. Dec. 14: Burbank YMCA Winter 2009 session registration. Classes start Sunday, January 4 and run to Sat. Feb. 28.

YMCA meets pool compliance deadline

All YMCA of Greater Boston indoor pools are open

BOSTON - The YMCA of Greater Boston announced today that all of its 21 indoor lap pools, therapy pools and whirl pools are compliant with the new Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act and are open for members and guests. The YMCA's facilities managers and pool suppliers had been working since early September to ensure that the entire Association would meet and be ready for the December 19th, 2008 deadline. "The safety of our members and guests is paramount. While the Association has never had an incident involving pool drains, we are fully compliant with this additional safety measure," said John M. Ferrell, YMCA of Greater Boston President. Ferrell added, "In West Roxbury, we actually had to drain the pool in order to install the necessary drain covers. We expect that pool to be ready for swimmers during school vacation week."

A new federal law passed by Congress in 2007, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act became effective Friday, December 19, 2008 and requires safeguards including

anti-entrapment drain covers and safety vacuum release systems (SVRS) to be installed in all pools and spas to prevent entrapment incidents. SVRS are emergency sensors that shut off the suction automatically if the drain becomes blocked.

Each year, the YMCA of Greater Boston provides over 30,000 lessons in pools throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The Greater Boston Y's offer swimming lessons for adults and children, with training available in water safety, beginner swim for children and adults and life-saving techniques. The affordable classes are offered during mornings, afternoons and evenings, as well as weekends, and financial scholarships are available to those in need.

The Greater Boston Y's swim lessons are progressive in nature. Students, including adults, are tested at the start of each program, and then participate in an extensive eight-week session before being re-tested. If the required skills are not mastered, individuals remain in their existing swim class before they

progress to the next instructional level. The progressive system helps ensure that each student develops critical swimming skills and ability, while building knowledge and safety skills for open water.

The Y provides highly-skilled, well-trained and certified instructors who work with students to build their skills and safety. In addition, Y classes always have a life-guard present for added safety and peace of mind for participants and parents of young children just learning to swim.

The YMCA operates pools in Boston's Back Bay, Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Roxbury and West Roxbury neighborhoods and in Canton (outdoor), Needham, Reading, Waltham and Woburn.

About the YMCA of Greater

Boston

Founded in 1851, the YMCA of Greater Boston is the first Y in the United States. The YMCA of Greater Boston is dedicated to improving the health of mind, body, and spirit of individuals and families in our communities. We welcome men and women, boys and girls of all incomes, faiths and cultures. One of the largest urban YMCAs in the country and Boston's largest provider of social services for children and families, the Greater Boston Y has more than 75 branches and program centers serving 100,000 men, women, and children in more than 40 eastern Massachusetts communities. (www.ymcaboston.org) KRice@ymcaboston.org

Learn to be a lifeguard

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Billerica will be offering a life guarding course on Fridays from 6-10 p.m. The course will run January 2 - Feb. 27th. Prerequisites: must be

able to swim 300 yards continuously. Cost \$250 includes all materials. Participants will be certified in life guarding, CPR, first aid, AED for more info call the pool. 978-667-2193 x109

Anna Zlotina, MD joins medical staff at Winchester Hospital

WINCHESTER— Winchester Hospital has welcomed a new physician to its medical staff. A resident of Chestnut Hill, Dr. Anna Zlotina is a board certified internist who has joined Reading Internal Medicine. She is practicing alongside Joseph Taylor, MD; Michael Bresnahan, MD; Brian Casserly, MD; Christine Gulla, MD; Bonnie Cavanaugh, FNP; and Katherine Lewis, MS, RN, CS.

Dr. Zlotina, who is fluent in Russian, previously practiced at Hallmark Health Home Care in Saugus and several health care facilities in New York. She earned her doctor of medicine degree in 1982 from the First Leningrad Medical Institute in the former USSR. Dr. Zlotina completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, an affiliate of Cornell University Medical College.

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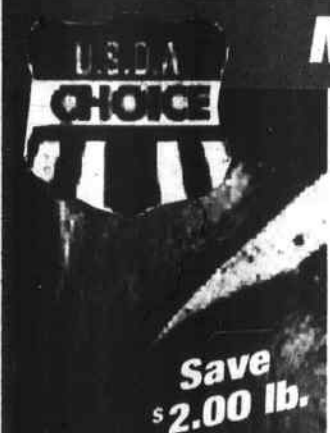
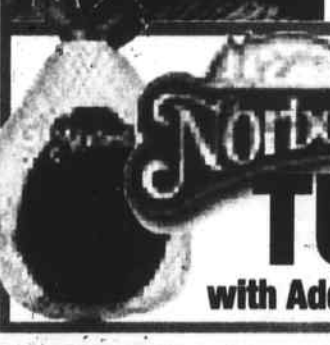
Dr. Zlotina is accepting new patients at Reading Internal Medicine Associates, Inc., 20 Pond Meadow Drive, Suite 206 in Reading. To make an appointment or learn more, please call (781) 944-0040 or visit www.winchesterhospital.org.



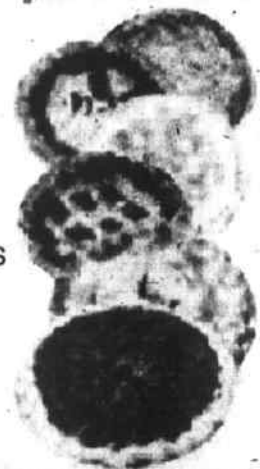
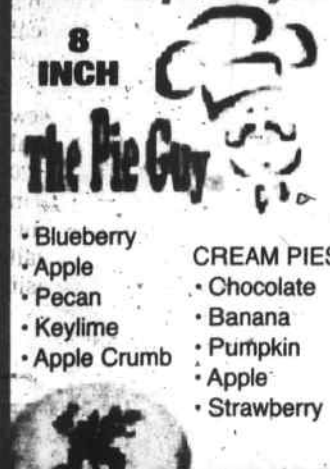
Shirley Reynolds was doing a little last minute Christmas shopping at Max's Discount Store in Wilmington on Monday afternoon. (shootingstarspix.com)

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OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Bavota

Receptionist at NorthEastern University

WILMINGTON - Barbara A. (Nau) Bavota, age 74, of Wilmington, died, Friday, December 19, 2008, at Woodbriar of Wilmington, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Born on February 27, 1934, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Barbara was the dear daughter of the late Albert J. & Bessie (Wyatt) Nau.

Barbara & her husband Robert moved to Wilmington 51 years ago to raise their family. Prior to retirement, she was a receptionist at NorthEastern University, Burlington Campus for over 16 years.

Barbara was very devoted to her family, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and having the holiday meals for her family.

Barbara was the beloved wife of 55 years to Robert N. Bavota, devoted mother of Robert J. Bavota of Salem, NH, Stephen J. Bavota of Pelham, NH, Thomas A. Bavota & his wife Sandi of Coral Springs, FL, and David J. Bavota & his wife Tina of Wilmington, loving grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, dear sister of Clair Gay of Tewksbury,



Albert Nau of Framingham, and the late Elizabeth Conroy, Barbara is also survived by many nieces & nephews. Family & friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be on Friday, December 26th from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations in Barbara's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Nicholas Medeiros

Mechanic at Wilmington Ford

TEWKSBURY - Mr. Nicholas Medeiros, age 69, of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington, died Monday, December 22, 2008, at Heritage Manor in Lowell following a brief illness. Born on February 20, 1939 in Cambridge, MA, Nicholas was the beloved son of the late Nicholas & Victoria (Almeida) Medeiros. Nicholas grew up in Cambridge and was educated there. Nicholas served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Nicholas lived in Wilmington for many years and worked as an auto mechanic at Wilmington Ford prior to retirement. He moved to Tewksbury several years ago.

In his spare time, Nicholas enjoyed talking sports with his family and friends, he loved New England Sports teams especially the Red Sox and the Patriots.

Nicholas was the dear brother of Richard "Dick" Medeiros & his wife Dolores of Florida, formerly of Wilmington, Robert Medeiros & his wife Norma of Sandwich, MA, William Medeiros of California, Maryann Muise of Cambridge, and Victoria Volpicelli & her husband John of North Carolina. Nicholas was also the loving uncle of many nieces & nephews. Family & friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Monday, December 29th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St., Wilmington at 11:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours Sunday, December 28th from 3-5 p.m.

Leonora Tavanese

Born in Italy; enjoyed family and cooking

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Leonora Tavanese, age 81 of Wilmington formerly of Medford, passed away December 19, 2008, at the Blaire House of Tewksbury following a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond A. Tavanese Sr. Born in Italy, Leonora came to the United States when she was a young lady.

Leonora was a devoted wife and mother, she was kind and gentle and always saw the good in people. Leonora enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and especially enjoyed spending time with her loving grandchildren. She was also very devoted to her faith where she found great comfort and strength.

Leonora is survived by her children, Linda Oliveiri and her husband Manuel of Medford, Raymond A. Tavanese Jr. of Pepperell, Anthony Tavanese and his wife Joanne of

Wilmington, Paul Tavanese and his wife Christine of Medford. She is also survived by seven loving grandchildren.

Her funeral was held from the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Monday, December 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend and visit with the family at the Dello Russo - Cavanaugh Funeral Home prior to the service from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday morning. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Leonora's memory to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02172.

Judith D. Duggan

secretary at the BASF; a true New Englander

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Judith D. (Creamer) Duggan, age 66, of Wilmington, died at home surrounded by her family on Sunday, December 21, 2008, after a strong and courageous battle with cancer for six years.

Judy was born on July 7, 1942, in Medford, MA, she was the daughter of the late Francis & Dorothy (Whitmore) Creamer.

She was a life-long resident of Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School Class of 1960.

Prior to retiring, Judy was a Secretary at the BASF Chemical Company in Bedford for many years.

Judy was a woman of endless energy and she liked to make the most of everyday. She had a talent for quilting, sewing, crafting, and baking, her sugar cookies were famous amongst family, friends, and neighbors. She was an avid gardener who produced beautiful flowers and vegetables which she shared with others.

Judy loved animals and she genuinely concerned herself with their welfare.

Judy also had a thirst for knowledge and was an avid reader on many subjects and was a political "junkie". If she took an interest in something she did it well and whole heartedly, never settling for less.

Judy was very involved in community activities, always lending others a hand, and volunteering. She would make tapes on books for the blind and spend endless hours reading to them as well, she also volunteered at a head start program in Woburn for several years.

Judy was very sentimental, at home she surrounded herself with her "stuff", each piece having special meaning to her. She was a devoted friend who would drop everything and go



out of her way to help anyone in need, even if it meant just to lend an ear to listen.

She was a true New Englander who enjoyed all four seasons and each and every holiday was made special by her, whether it was making Halloween costumes for her grandsons or providing "over the top" Christmases for her family and friends, Judy loved every minute of it. Judy loved to travel to her home in Maine and go on special trips with her husband and her family. Judy was most devoted to her two grandsons Jimmy and Brian, she spent every moment she could with them and they in turn gave her a reason and extra courage to fight her disease for so long. She introduced them to many activities and special trips in and around Boston. They enjoyed frog and snake catching at Walden Pond as well as sitting on her kitchen or living room floors just to play. Judy cherished every memory they made together.

When Judy was diagnosed six years ago with cancer, she handled her diagnosis with courage and grace as she had always handled her life. She pulled together the willpower and strength to fight her disease as long and hard as she could. She never gave up and she tried

every possible avenue to find a cure. She would never want to bother others so she mustered the strength to drive herself to chemotherapy and radiation and she never complained.

Judy was truly one of those people that others were drawn to, she was always positive and pleasant and worried about others. She was truly a selfless individual and she will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know her.

Judy was the beloved wife of Joseph T. Duggan, with whom she celebrated 48 years of marriage this past October 12th, the loving mother of Lori Bruce & her husband Jim of Tewksbury and Joseph F. Duggan & his wife Carla of Wilmington, devoted "grammy" of Jimmy Bruce and devoted "grandma" of Brian Duggan, special sister of Roger F. Creamer of Wilmington, Judy is also survived by many brothers & sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, & good friends.

Family & friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, December 27th at 12:00 noon for a Funeral Service to celebrate Judy's life. Visiting hours will be on Friday, December 26th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in Judy's name may be made to the Ark Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 276, Cherryfield, ME 04622.

Wakefield's 2009 Sweetser Lecture Series spring program will feature horticulturist Chip Osborne, Martha's Vineyard native and historian Kristen Kingsbury Henshaw, and Bob McLaughlin, a driving force behind the Friends of Pleasure Island.

Osborne will present "Organic Lawn Care: A Quality of Life Issue for Children and Adults" on Wednesday, Mar. 25. The professional horticulturist has 35 years experience in the green industry. After education in conventional greenhouse management and several years following that approach, he converted his operation to an organic environment. He has worked for the past 12 years on pesticide reduction issues. Chip also works with Grassroots Environmental Education in the Grassroots Healthy Lawn Program, an award-winning program that has taught natural turf management to several hundred landscape contractors and municipal officials.

Henshaw will speak on Wednesday, April 29, about her father, "A Barefoot Icon: Craig Kingsbury of Martha's Vineyard." Craig was a jack-of-all trades, a fisherman/farmer/stonemason, providing for his family with whatever the seasons or the sea provided. He was also a gifted storyteller and quite a local character, being the last person ever arrested on Martha's Vineyard for drunken oxcart driving. When the movie JAWS was filmed on Martha's Vineyard,

director Steven Spielberg hired Mr. Kingsbury to teach Robert Shaw, "Captain Quint", how to talk like a crusty New England fisherman. He also appeared in the film as Ben Gardner in a memorable scene as a shark-disembodied head in the bottom of his boat.

McLaughlin will offer a talk and slide show on "The History of Pleasure Island." He is a Wakefield electrician who became fascinated by Pleasure Island, an amusement park that opened in Wakefield in 1959 and closed in 1969. It was founded by William Hawkes, publisher of Child Life magazine, and designed by Cornelius Vanderbilt Wood, one of the persons who suggested the locations for Disneyland, and Lake Havasu City. Pleasure Island was billed as the Disneyland of the Northeast during its short existence. It went through several owners and was financially handicapped by New England's relatively short summers. There were many rides, including the Moby-Dick, which featured a spouting, mechanical whale rising from the depths. Some people speculate that Moby still lies at the bottom of one of the ponds that dot the property, now the site of an office park and conservation land. The Show Bowl at the Park featured performances by Rick Nelson, Michael Landon, the Three Stooges, Clayton Moore (the television Lone Ranger), and many others. Bob McLaughlin will speak on Wednesday, May

13. All three programs will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on their respective dates at the Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church, 273 Vernon St., Wakefield. The church is handicapped accessible.

Tickets are \$8 for a single Lecture, with a discounted price of \$20 for a season ticket good for all three. They are available at Smith Drug Store, 390 Main St., downtown Wakefield; The Medicine Store, 409 Lowell St. (Four Corners), Wakefield; at the door the nights of the Lectures; or by mail from the Sweetser Lecture Committee, 13 Rosemary Ave, Wakefield, MA 01880. (Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

The Sweetser Lecture Series was made possible because of a bequest in the will of Cornelius Sweetser, a local shoe manufacturer who died in the late-19th century. He left a fund to be used for the establishment of programs to educate the citizens of his adopted home and scene of his financial success, Wakefield, and those of Saco, Maine, his birthplace. Net proceeds of the Sweetser Lecture Series are donated, as provided in Sweetser's will, to charitable organizations in Wakefield. Recipients in recent years have included the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry and the local operations of the Mystic Valley Elder Services and the Salvation Army.

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Take a breather with a book!

WILMINGTON - Did anyone try to finish their shopping at Book Store Next Door last Sunday? So very sorry, but for the first time in the history of the little Friends' of the Wilmington Library's book store, the weather did us in.

You may have missed your opportunity to pick up The Night Before Christmas, until next year, but all other genres are available, and you have to check out our new front door! Stop by now that the flurry of gift giving is behind us all, take some time to relax and unwind with a book.

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Beginning this weekend, December 27, our hours will return to Saturdays 10-4 and Sunday mornings 10-1:00. Contact Leslie Dietrich, 978.657.6536 or

lesd4@verizon.net for volunteer opportunities or questions. Many thanks for your continued support - shopping and donating.

Raytheon awarded \$3.3 billion Patriot order for the United Arab Emirates

TEWKSBURY - Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN) has been awarded a not-to-exceed \$3.3 billion order to provide advanced Patriot air and missile defense capability, whole life support and training for the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Raytheon and teammate Lockheed Martin have worked with the U.S. and UAE governments during the past year to develop this agreement.

The U.S. government approved the Foreign Military Sale (FMS) of Patriot Config-3 capabilities including Patriot GEM-T and Lockheed PAC-3 missiles. The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., issued an order to Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems (IDS) Dec. 17, 2008.

"For 25 years, we have provided advanced technology and innovation to the UAE," said William H. Swanson, Raytheon Chairman and CEO. "Today, we are honored that the UAE government has entrusted us to deliver this unique capability to support the defense of its country."

Raytheon established its first office in the UAE in 1983 and began delivery and support of the medium range Hawk Air Defense System to the UAE in 1987.

"Patriot's advanced technology provides significant benefits in system capability, reliability, sustainability and affordability to U.S. and allied forces around the world," said Raytheon IDS President Daniel L. Smith. "With this order, the UAE joins other countries that rely on Patriot to provide a key element of their national defense."

Raytheon IDS is the prime

contractor, both domestic and international, for the Patriot air and missile defense weapon capability and the system integrator for the Config-3 system. Work supporting this order will be performed at the Raytheon Integrated Air Defense Center, Andover.

"Demand for the upgraded Patriot system is supported by our global team of partners and suppliers," said Sanjay Kapoor, Raytheon IDS vice president of Patriot Programs. "The employees of Raytheon and all our supply partners stand ready to deliver these systems with the product quality and technical excellence for which we are well known."

Integrated Defense Systems is Raytheon's leader in Global Capabilities Integration providing affordable, integrated solutions to a broad international and domestic customer base, including the U.S. Missile Defense Agency, the U.S. Armed Forces and the Department of Homeland Security.

Raytheon Company, with 2007 sales of \$21.3 billion, is a technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world.

With a history of innovation spanning 86 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in the areas of sensing; effects; and command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as a broad range of mission support services.

With headquarters in Waltham, Raytheon employs 72,000 people worldwide including offices in Woburn.

Special education law update

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Special Education Parent's Advisory Council will be having a free seminar on Special Education Law Update. Presented by Attorney Tim Sindelar from the law office of Hilton, Sindelar & Hahn. The seminar will be on Monday, January 12, 2009 at the Ryan School (Library - 2nd floor), 135 Pleasant St., Tewksbury, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TSEPAC business meeting to precede seminar from 7-7:30 p.m. at the same location.

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Monday, December 15

6:53 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Andover Street and Fiske Street.

3:12 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Whipple Road and Patten Road.

11:06 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 333 Main Street.

11:32 p.m. A motor vehicle parked at an Andover Street business was burglarized.

Tuesday, December 16

12:02 p.m. A residence on Whipple Road was burglarized.

2:57 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1 Shawshen Street.

3:00 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

3:07 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 530 Main Street.

6:15 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 729 Shawshen Street.

6:46 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

6:58 p.m. Larceny occurred at 1881 Main Street.

9:09 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1795 Andover Street.

9:24 p.m. A Laurie Drive residence was burglarized.

Wednesday, December 17

7:16 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Helvetia Street and Chandler Street.

11:59 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the junction of Route 495 northbound and Andover Street.

12:43 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of South Street and Crawford Drive.

3:29 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on River Road.

3:46 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 986 Main Street.

Jose Rondon, 27, of 282 Bolton Street, South Boston, was arrested at 333 Main Street on the basis of a warrant and was also charged with larceny over \$250 and carrying a dangerous

weapon.

Stephen Sousa, 27, of 49B Street, Hudson, NH, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with possession of a Class A drug.

Gayetay L. Thomas, 21, of 12 Midland Street, Lowell, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Thursday, December 18

11:11 a.m. Larceny occurred at a North Billerica Road residence.

12:49 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Pleasant Street.

4:54 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1975 Main Street.

5:38 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of East Street and Karen Lee Lane.

6:26 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2280 Main Street.

Sydney Rabelo, 26, of 1352 Lawrence Street, Lowell, was arrested at the intersection of Main Street and Pike Street on the basis of a warrant and was also charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

Friday, December 19

9:49 a.m. Police responded to 10 Main Street for a report of counterfeit money.

10:02 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

10:45 a.m. A motor vehicle parked at a Highwood Drive business was burglarized.

1:57 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1351 Main Street.

2:34 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1187 Main Street.

Douglas Brown, 27, with no fixed address, was arrested at 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Alfonso Lopez, 31, of 8 Amity Street, Lynn, was arrested at 2341 Main Street on the basis of a warrant and charged with being a motor vehicle operator who refused to identify himself, operating and uninsured motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Saturday, December 20

2:20 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in

the vicinity of 28 Patten Road.

4:46 p.m. A motor vehicle parked at a 10 Main Street business was burglarized.

4:53 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 333 Main Street.

6:57 p.m. A motor vehicle parked at an 85 Main Street business was burglarized.

Aaron Russo, 21, of 14 Wildwood Road, Tewksbury, was arrested at the intersection of Shawshen Street and Memorial Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Sunday, December 21

Police received numerous reports of road hazards due to the heavy snow all day.

7:21 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Old Boston Road.

11:16 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

2:54 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on John E. Smith Drive.

Denise Roman, 30, of 30 John E. Smith Drive, Tewksbury, was arrested at the scene and was charged with assault and battery.



Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 15

3:39 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance that had reportedly occurred at a residence on Evergreen Drive. Leonard Malvore, 58, of 2134 Evergreen Drive in Wilmington, was arrested on Harris Street in connection with the incident and was charged with assault and battery and intimidating a witness.

6:19 a.m. A vehicle parked at a business on Jewel Drive was burglarized overnight.

8:52 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Butters Row.

5:23 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on High Street.

7:29 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Middlesex Avenue.

Kenneth Branley, 28, of 46 Hart Street in Woburn, was arrested on the basis of a warrant and was charged with receiving stolen property valued at more than \$250 and breaking into a vehicle or

boat during nighttime hours for the purpose of committing a felony.

Tuesday, December 16

6:58 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 211 Lowell Street.

11:56 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Lowell Street. Matthew Baginski, 19, of 58 Parramatta Road in Beverly, was arrested at the scene and was charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance, receiving stolen property valued at more than \$250, and negligently operating a motor vehicle.

2:20 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 240 Main Street.

5:40 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Horseshoe Lane. Brian Evans, 41, of 4222 Horseshoe Lane in Wilmington, was arrested at the scene and was charged with disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

6:14 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Upton Drive.

8:41 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Andover Street.

(The remainder of the week was not available at the Public Safety Building when the Town Crier reviewed the logs. Wednesday December 17 through Sunday, December 28, will appear in next week's Crier.)

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Astaro moves headquarters to Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Astaro (www.astaro.com), an Internet security appliance vendor, recently moved its US headquarters from New England Executive Park in Burlington, MA to 260A Fordham Road in Wilmington, MA to accommodate company growth. Astaro opened for business at its new location on Monday, December 1 and held ribbon cutting at its public open house on Wednesday, December 17.

"We're happy that, amidst a bleak economic outlook, Astaro has been holding strong," Hichert explains. "Our move to Wilmington has provided us with the space to accommodate our increased headcount, as well as our expanding product offering."

Astaro is the official provider of the Parental Control for the Nintendo Wii console, and the company therefore raffled off a Wii to open house attendees. Stacy Mannke of Citizens Bank, Wilmington, was the winner of the gaming system. Two other local business representatives won \$25 American Express gift cards for their top scores in Astaro's Guitar Hero competi-



Members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce were on hand to welcome Astaro to town, including Chamber President Paul Dickey, Director Sheila Bissett, and Executive Director Nancy Vallee. Jan Hichert, Astaro CEO, was the official ribbon-cutter.

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Brian M. MacDonald graduates Infantryman One Station Unit Training

Army Pvt. Brian M. MacDonald has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to

train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

He is the son of Cindy LaPorte of Burlington Ave., Wilmington, Mass., and grandson of Donna LaPorte of Salem St., North Reading, Mass.

The private is a 2008 graduate of North Reading High School.

War veteran widows wrongly denied help

On Friday, December 12, 2008, the headline "War veteran widows wrongly denied help" in an AP story told the sad tale of another benefits miscue at the Department of Veterans Affairs. In recent years VA has been plagued by negative headlines from a stolen laptop with personal information on millions of veterans to claims document shredding at a majority of VA regional offices around the nation.

The "War veteran widows" headline wasn't exactly accurate. As Paul Harvey says, "here's the rest of the story."

Background

Each year the Federal government pays compensation and pension to millions of disabled veterans. Compensation is paid for service connected disabilities (war service not required); pension goes to wartime veterans who are totally disabled and have a low income. Checks are direct deposited or mailed out each month for the preceding month.

Under the law, both benefits end on the last day of the month in the month preceding the veterans death (e.g., if a veteran dies on June 10, the benefit is terminated on May 31). Since it may take days or weeks for VA to receive word of a veteran's death, and may take more time to process that information, benefit checks are often sent out after a veteran dies.

In 1996 Congress changed the law to allow the surviving spouse (for the sake of simplic-

ity, let's call them widows) to receive or keep the veterans benefit for the month of death. This change applies to the widows of all veterans, whether the veteran had wartime service or not.

VA's implementation of the change in law was less than elegant: to make it easy on itself widows were required to contact the VA to claim that last check. Usually, that claim was in the form of an application for death benefits. Those who were awarded death benefits received either the amount equal to the last check or their new death benefit, whichever was greater.

The problem, of course, was that many widows did not apply for death benefits or payment of the last check. As a consequence, a large number of widows failed to receive money to which they were entitled. To be fair, most of these checks were for \$100-200: real money but not usually crucial to making the mortgage. However, some were \$2,500 or more: serious money that could spell the difference between eating every day of the month and skipping meals or not paying bills.

What the VA is doing

VA is in the process of identifying every veteran who died between 1996 and December 2008 and was receiving a compensation or pension check

when he died. It is reviewing its computer records to see if the veteran was married at the time of death. It's working with Social Security to obtain current addresses for widows. VA promises to make press announcements, news releases and perform outreach to try and locate every widow who may be entitled to the veteran's last check. VA promises to fix the computer program. And it has briefed the major veteran service organizations.

What a surviving spouse should do

VA says that it wants every surviving spouse of a veteran who died after December 31, 1996, who is unsure whether they received the veterans last check either separately or as part of their award of death benefits, to call 1-800-827-1000 and speak with a counselor. The counselor will need information that identifies the veteran (either his Social Security number or his VA claim number). They will also ask for the full name of the surviving spouse, a current address and a phone number.

The VA counselor will forward that information to people who will research VA records to see if the last check was ever paid. If it was not paid, and the caller can be identified as the surviving spouse, then VA will issue a new check.

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Full scholarship program for high school students promotes study of strategic languages abroad

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citizens' capacity to engage foreign governments and peoples through the critical languages of Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Russian, and Turkish.

The program is administered by a team of organizations including AFS-USA, American Councils for International Education, Concordia Language Villages, and IEARNS-USA. Together, they will award U.S. government funding in the form of full scholarships to 550

U.S. high school and just-graduated students (ages 15-18) to participate in summer (6-8 weeks), one-semester, and full-year language programs in countries where these languages are widely spoken.

"Recent years have demonstrated how important it is that Americans learn languages of countries that will be prominent in the 21st century," noted Lisa Choate, Vice President of the American Councils for International Education. "Students in this scholarship program will be well-positioned for careers in a wide range of fields."

Programs immerse participants in language acquisition courses throughout their stay in the host country. Students live with a host family, gaining invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Students will attend school and interact with international students in person and through online technologies.

Students wishing to apply for full scholarships must: be U.S. citizens, be 15-18 years of age and enrolled in high school at the time of application, and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Students may participate in the program during high school or during the "gap year" between high school and college. Beginning language students are invited to participate, although all levels of instruction are available. Fluency is not required, but students with oral and written experience in the program languages are especially valued for their experience. Students returning from their NSLI-Y international experience will be able to apply their knowledge in university and professional opportunities.

For more information about the scholarship and to apply online, visit www.NSLIforyouth.org.



Jordan Legere gave Santa a hug at Wilmington Town Hall on Thursday December 4th. photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Makeover Makeover Makeover

The Wilmington Memorial Library presents A New Look in the New Year - A Three Part Makeover Series. Registration is required for these programs. You may register online at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or call 978-694-2099. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Makeover Your Home with Jackie Davis, Interior Decorator

Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m.
Jackie Davis, creator and owner of RoomScape Interiors, will share her top decorating secrets to help guide the redesign of your home. Learn how to avoid making expensive mistakes.

Makeover Your Wardrobe with Emily Neill, Fashion Consultant

Thursday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Emily Neill, author of Closet Smarts, will provide realistic advice about dressing according to your shape that you will not hear about on magazines or TV shows. Get tips on the best tricks for your particular shape, practical advice on what fashion works for your life.

Makeover Yourself with Diane Irons, Bestselling Author and Beauty Researcher.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Diane Irons will provide a consumer approach to beauty, diet and health to help realize each woman's personal glamour and style. She will offer tips for looking and feeling great at any age.

Upcoming Children's Programs A Celebration of Indian

Dance with Mouli Pal

Tuesday, January 6, 7 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, December 26
Mouli Pal, a Wilmington resident and an exponent of Odissi, an elegant classic dance form originating from the temples of Orissa in India, will present a multimedia event including Indian dance in authentic costume with slides and music of India. Authentic Indian refreshments will follow this program. Reserve your free tickets on the library's Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2098.

Winter Preschool Story Times

Introduce your young child to books, flannel board stories, songs, circle games and finger plays. Registration for the following story time session may be made in person by visiting the Children's Room or by calling (978) 694-2098.

Book Discussion for Ages 9 & Older Friday, January 16, 3:30 pm

The Newbery Medal winning book, *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo, whose movie counterpart is now being shown in theaters, will be discussed. The fairy tale adventures involve Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse with huge ears, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. Drop-in for the discussion. Call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 to reserve a copy of the book. A door prize and snack will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Book Discussion for Ages 7 & Older

Friday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.

Dear D.J. Lucas,
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Love from Max. And so begins Max's funny correspondence with his favorite author, the world-famous D.J. Lucas. What follows is a touching tale about imagination, friendship, storytelling, and sharing secrets. Find out more about Max and D.J. when you read *Dear Max* by D.J. Lucas a.k.a. Sally Grindley. Join children ages seven and older for their discussion of this book. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Drop-in for the discussion. A door prize and snack will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Zone News All-You-Can-Read Teen Winter Buffet

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 11:30-6
The Teen Zone presents a marathon read-in at the library with snacks to keep you going and a pizza party (5pm-6pm) when you finish. Bring a pillow, a beanbag chair, or something else comfy to sit on. It doesn't matter what you read—bring your own books or choose something off our book menu. Teens in 6th-12th grades can register on our Event Calendar at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2098. This event is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Library.

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Holiday Hours

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday December 24 and will be closed on Thursday December 25th. The library will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday December 26 and on Saturday December 27.



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Kiyomi MacDonald and Annie Willis got tee shirts and a snack after donating blood at the Wilmington Congregational Church on Monday afternoon.
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Tewksbury Senior Topics

Dr Smith podiatry clinic; Men's Yoga; Zingo; fuel assistance

It's Christmas. A time of year to enjoy the warmth of the season, the company of family and friends and for many the birth of the Christ Child and His love, peace and blessings. However, with the season come stresses... a Christmas without a loved one... financial difficulties... the loss of utilities and the burdens of snow removal... shopping... baking... wrapping... celebrating.

How do we get through the season?

We may just get through it by the spirit of the season: by a neighbor or friend showing that they care and checking on others or helping with winter chores; by receiving a card with a special message; by a warm embrace or kind smile; by giving to a charity

and those less fortunate; and, most importantly by giving of ourselves. Through giving we also receive. Reaching out and touching the lives of others is what Christmas is all about.

On behalf of the Council on Aging and its staff, a warm, joyous and peaceful Christmas is wished to all. May you find comfort in your memories and the spirit of the season with your families and friends.

Several openings are available for Dr. Smith's Podiatry Clinic on Monday, December 29th.

This Clinic is limited to the first 25 Tewksbury Senior Citizens who sign up. The fee is \$15 per person and due upon registering.

Men's Yoga WILL be held next Monday, December 29th. However, the evening yoga will not be held next week. Zingo will be held on Tuesday. However, there will be no classes held on Wednesday, December 31st.

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Kristie Gaffney, Lindsey Farrell, Angela Surette and Cassie Wing enjoyed sledding together at Wilmington Town Park on the hill next to Aprile Field.

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Five hours: no license for Mobil

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about traffic patterns, obstructions, and the parking situation. Begonis presented a statement in which he reconsidered his original statement of support for the transfer. Citing new information about an authorization for a search warrant on the property in question in 2006, Begonis explained that he was aware of the situation previously, but only recently became aware that it was now public information that could be released in a statement or hearing.

At times it was unclear who or what was "on trial" because in the process of proving their case, Santini and his lawyer alleged that Selectmen Raymond Lepore and Michael McCoy each had conflicts of interest that should have precluded them from the discussion and voting.

First, Santini accused McCoy of voting against the transfer due to competition, because

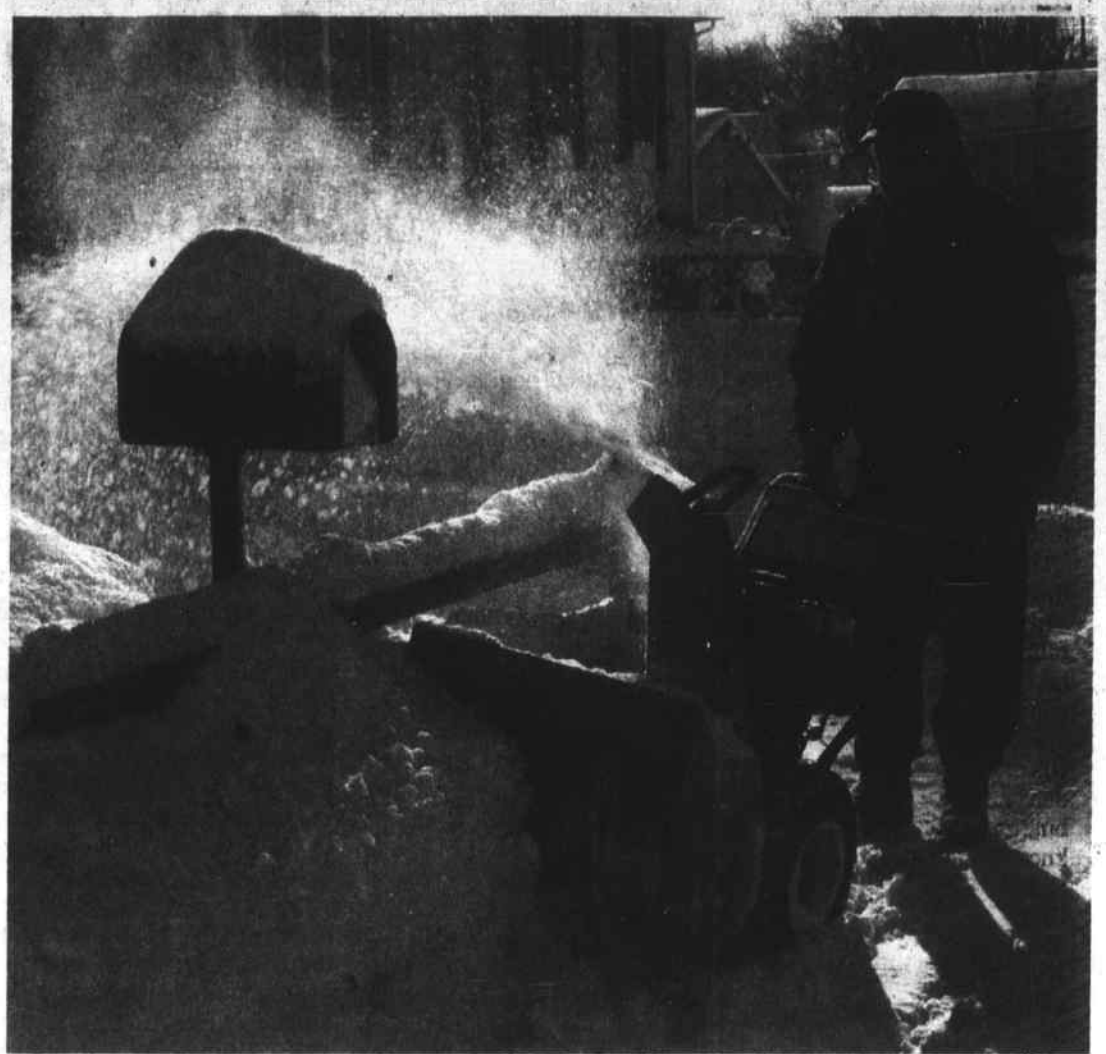
Mobil On The Run sells pizza too. McCoy categorized the charge as "laughable," because he runs a full service sit-down restaurant that is not in direct competition with a convenience store selling frozen pizza. Santini also accused him of conducting his own investigation by visiting the site and interviewing construction workers and employees on the site. Although McCoy admits to being in the area, he denies going to the property and demanded that if it is true they should be able to provide surveillance video of him being there, which they could not.

Then Santini and counsel went after Lepore saying that he did work for a competitor, Lucci's Supermarket, and that is why he voted the transfer down. Lepore denied working for Lucci's and when Orlandi presented him with a permit application with his signature on it he denied that it was his. Handwriting on the top section

of the form did not match the writing down by the signature.

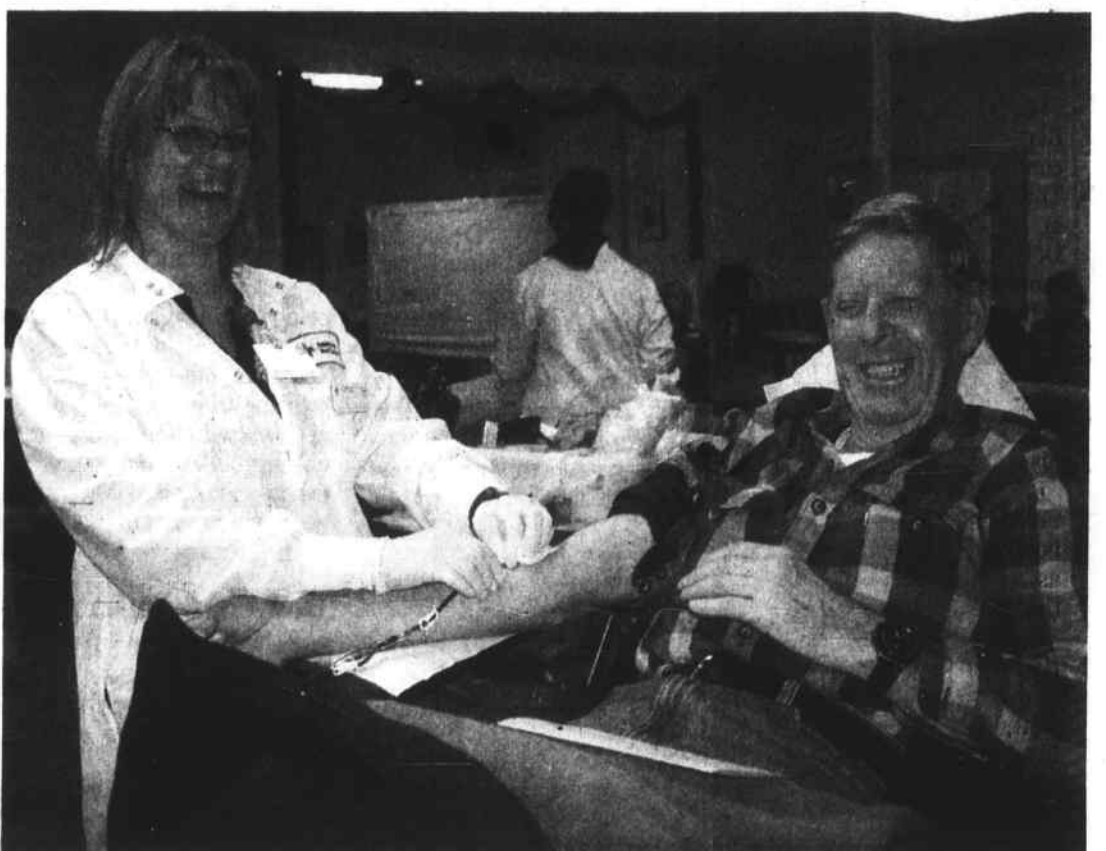
The first 4 1/2 hours of the meeting observers spent listening to lawyers, witnesses, experts and selectmen wage a verbal war that grew increasingly hostile as the hours wore on. Finally, around 12:30 a.m., the first residents were provided the opportunity to speak, but by then the few that remained were outraged by the lack of progress (one resident was removed by the police chief) and encouraged selectmen to do the right thing and put it to a vote.

Following more discussion, Selectman McCoy made a motion to deny the license transfer. It was seconded by Lepore and passed unanimously 4-0 with Newhouse recused from discussion and from voting. Santini may now appeal to the Superior Court. Any decision handed down by Superior Court would be binding.



John Merrill of Wilmington dug out his driveway and mailbox after the storms of this past weekend.

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Ralph Plumer of Wilmington donated double red cells at the Wilmington Congregational Church blood drive held Monday at the Church. Terry Duggan was working the blood drive for the Red Cross.

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confident reply. "We estimated that there were 200 gifts donated, and that is 200 happy kids on Christmas," exclaimed Keane.

Keane said, "My main goal was just to have fun with my friends, so to add the cause [Toys for Tots] made it even more fun."

**Oil spill
on
Brattle**

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called "Clean Harbors" to come in and do the job. Hurley said the DEP will oversee the clean-up and ensure that Clean Harbors follows the regulations that govern clean-up operations and that the work is done properly.

Corcoran expects that the process will be very similar to an incident on Grove Avenue several years ago. That incident resulted in a filtering tank being onsite for six months to filter the groundwater and replace it on an ongoing basis until it tested clear.

"It [the clean-up] takes a long time," said Corcoran. "It [the filtering equipment] could be there all winter."

Wilmington's real Santa

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everything he asked for.

The boy was surprised that he knew that. Then he asked Santa to name one gift.

Santa replied that he seemed to remember a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Did he pass the test?

The boy said, "You must be the real Santa!"

In 1986, Gregory Crecenzo returned home from the hospital to learn that his brother had gone to visit Santa. He was very upset that he'd missed Santa. His mother took him to a department store to see Santa, but that just wouldn't do. He knew that the real Santa was at Santa's Workshop at the Town Hall.

His parents contacted the Wilmington Recreation Dept. and arrangements were made for Gregory to have a special visit with Santa. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Santa took time out from loading his sleigh to sit with Gregory. Larry was only too happy to go the extra mile.

Less than a month later, Gregory had a kidney transplant. And today, he's doing fine.

Larry shared the job with Sam Bertwell. It was a pretty good combination, Noel and 'Santa.' The first Santa's Workshop was at the White Hall, at St. Dorothy's Church. Then it moved to the Mildred Rogers School, then to the Fourth of July Headquarters, and finally to the Town Hall. Larry retired after 1992, and there have been other Santas who have followed his lead.

Larry was a gentle giant, a tall, lanky fellow with a deep, booming voice. He was known as a man who would do anything for kids.

Larry and his wife Dottie settled on Glenview Road, off Suncrest Avenue in 1951. Dottie's father, Ernest Stowe, lived in the house behind them on Meadow Lane.

Early in the morning of March 24, 1960, the Noel's house caught fire. Larry, Dottie and their two boys escaped, but their infant daughter, Karen Linda, was trapped upstairs. Clad only in shorts and a t-shirt, Larry twice went back into the fire, trying to rescue her. He was beaten back by the heat and smoke and was badly burned. He had to be held back from trying a third time.

Charles Bowser also made two attempts to rescue the 14-month-old girl. He had come to Meadow Lane to pick up Lloyd Moulton. They brought a ladder to the scene. Dorothy Noel's father climbed the ladder and broke a second floor window. But the fire was too intense, and he couldn't rescue his granddaughter.

Larry was burned over 50 percent of his body and spent months in the hospital. His injuries left him permanently disabled. He was never able to return to his old job as a forklift operator.

Larry devoted his life to children. He was a Little League coach, an officer of Little League and he often mowed the Little League field. He was a founder of the Pop Warner football program in Wilmington. He served on the Wilmington Recreation Commission for many, many years. A WWII veteran, he served as Commander of the American Legion Post 136, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks.

In 1977, Larry was named as one of Wilmington's Good Guys.

Larry and Dottie were able to repair the house on Glenview Road. There they raised their sons and also their granddaughter, Bonnie. After 55 years in Wilmington, Larry died in February 2007. After his death, the family had Karen's remains re-interred next to Larry in Wildwood Cemetery.



Tyshia Guadalupe and Sophia Colon, ages 10 and 11, were sledding on the hill at Town Park next to Aprile Field on Monday after school.

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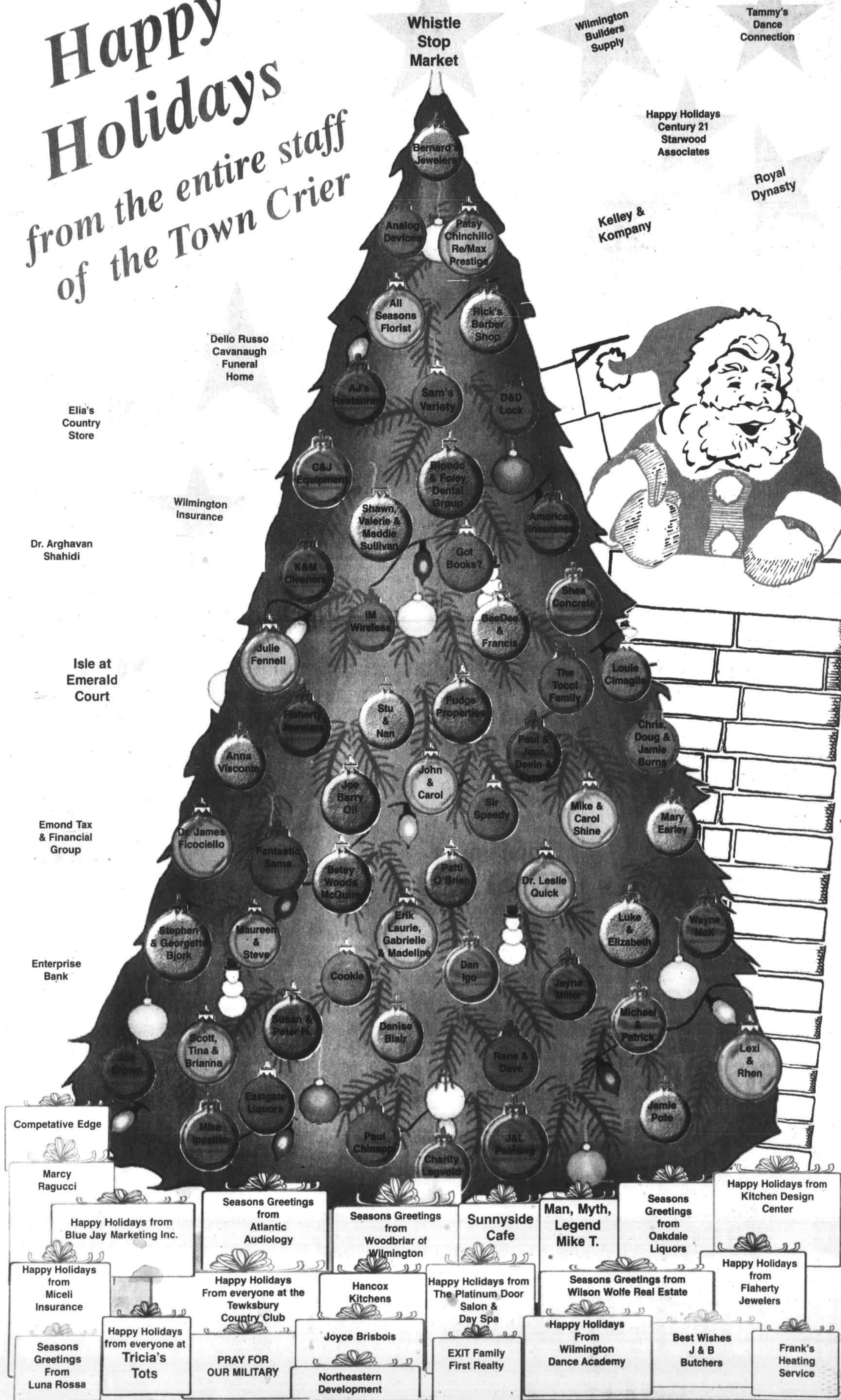
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Annual Sons of Italy tournament

Shawsheen takes first; Sughrue leads 'Cats

James Perry also reaches final for Wilmington

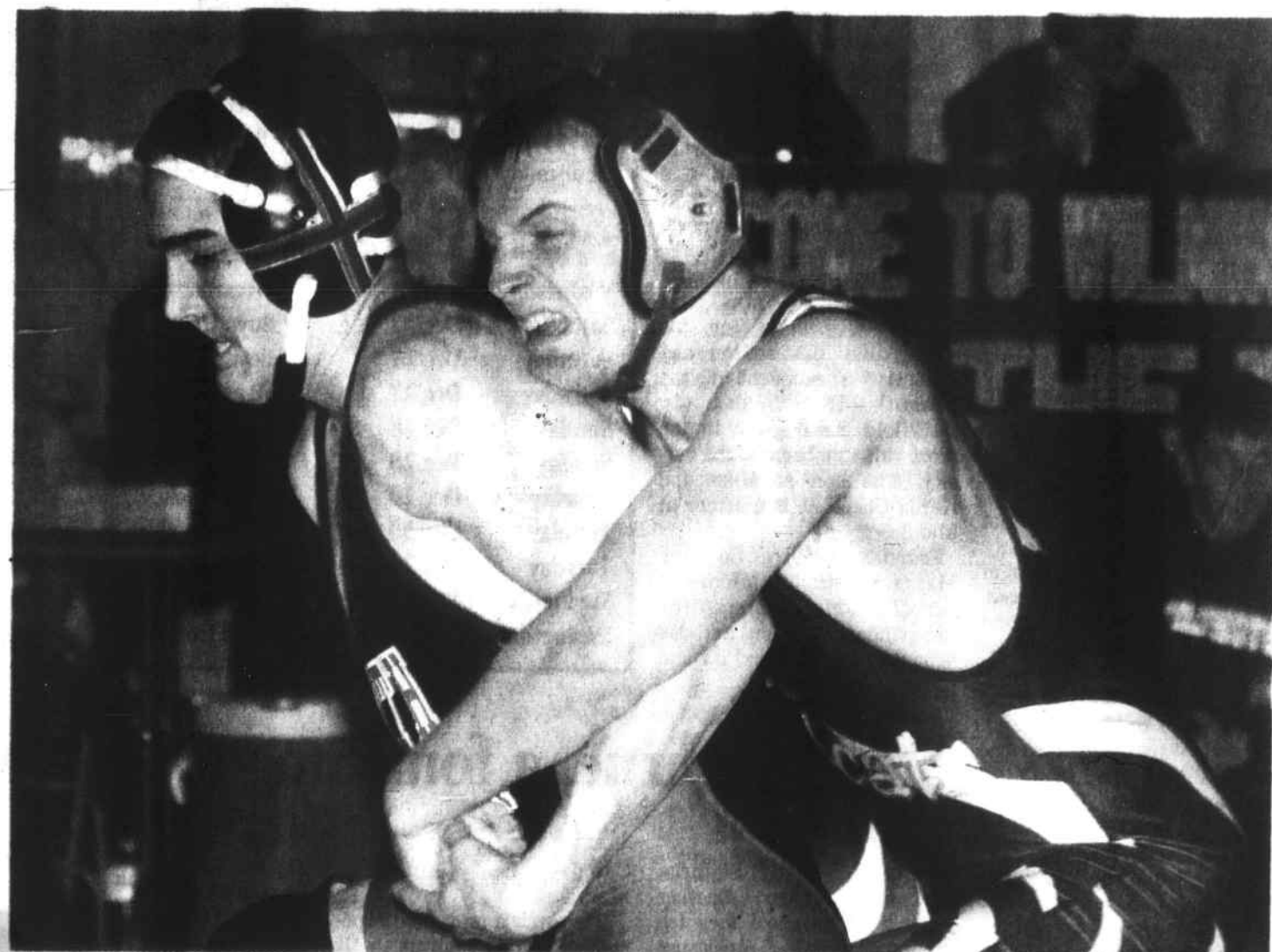
By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High School wrestling team finished in seventh place during its annual Sons of Italy Wrestling tournament held at the Cushing Gymnasium over nine hours on Saturday. The Wildcats crowned one champion, senior captain Steve Sughrue at 135, and also had another finalist in James Perry (140) to highlight the team's performance.

Shawsheen Tech won the 12-team meet by putting seven wrestlers in the finals, while Winchester and North Andover finished second and third, respectively.

Besides Sughrue and Perry, Wilmington didn't have any other wrestlers place within the top four of their individual weight class. But all in all, head coach Mike Pimental was pretty happy with what he witnessed.

"I thought we had a real promising day," he said. "I thought the kids did well. We didn't win as many matches as we had hoped, but we were never out of them either. I thought all of the kids held their own. The kids came in very positive, and I thought we took some baby steps today. I think this is a very good place for us to start to grow as a team, and the I think the potential is there for us to continue to get better and better."



Wilmington High senior Dillon Halliday was defeated by North Andover's Garrett Alter, 8-2, in a first round 160-pound match during Saturday's annual Sons of Italy wrestling tournament held at the Cushing Gymnasium. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

"I was really happy with everyone. Ninety-eight percent of the team won at least one match and if they didn't, they were very, very close of it. No one was out of a match."

Perry was one of the two biggest highlights on the day. The sophomore, who went 3-0 in the team's first week of matches, improved to 5-0 when he defeated Winchester's Shaughn Crowem 16-4, and then Pat Powell, 3-0, putting him into the finals. There he faced

Shawsheen Tech's Ryan Cassidy and was pinned in the third period. Perry had a 1-0 lead, before Cassidy took two points for a take down in the second period, before coming away with the pin in the third period.

"I thought JP was a big surprise," said Pimental. "He's a kid who has put in the time and deserves the (second place finish). Last year at this tournament, I think he went 0-2. From going two-and-out to getting in

the finals, what's the future going to bring? He's just a sophomore and he was one of a few kids who were in the final for the first time. But you can say it until the end of the day comes to relax, and that he has nothing to worry about but it's hard to get out here to be in the final for the first time. But now that's behind him, it'll give him confidence to go out there and do better the next time he's in the finals."

Besides Sughrue and Perry,

Anthony Valente was the next in line with wins, also with three. He finished 3-2 on the day at the 145-pound division. He pinned Dracut's Alec Laganas (2:30), Minuteman Tech's Jeff Starr (:57) and won a 9-7 decision over Andover's Brian Martin. But he fell one win away from placing, losing to Tewksbury's Tim Davidian. Shaun Adams and Matt Sullivan won two matches each at 112 and 285 pounds, respec

WHS WRESTLING PG SP2W

Senior a four-time finalist

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the 20-plus years of the Wilmington Sons of Italy wrestling tournament, there's only been a selected few wrestlers who have been a finalist all four years of competing in the prestigious event.

Over hundreds and a few thousand kids have competed, many going 0-2, many getting a win or a third place finish, but going to the championship match as a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior happens as often as an 80 degree day in December.

In the previous three years Sughrue took a SOI title once, and lost twice. In addition he was the 2007 Division 3 103-pound state champion, while losing in the state final in last year's 125-pound division.

Today he's done the remarkable again. He has bumped up from the 125-pound division to two more levels at 135. On Saturday he captured his second SOI tournament championship by defeating Dracut's Phil Georgeoulis, 6-3.

"I know there's only a few people who have done it in the history of the tournament," said wrestling coach Mike Pimental. "I don't know the exact number but I know it's only a few. That's an incredible accomplishment for Stevie."

The season is only two weeks

SUGHRUE PG SP2W

Rams send seven grapplers to finals

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Coach Mark Donovan and the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team knew going into the season that they had the potential to have a very special year, and while it is still obviously very early in the season they have given every indication so far that it may be just that.

The Rams are 3-0 on the season in dual meets, including a dominating 59-20 victory over Chelmsford last Wednesday, but even more impressively this past weekend they completely dominated the Wilmington Sons of Italy Tournament, scoring 230 points to easily outdistance second place finisher Winchester's 193. The Rams placed seven wrestlers in the finals, and had four champions on the day.

"We had a great tournament," Donovan said. "I wasn't sure if we would be a good tournament team, but we really came together as a team and worked well together."

The Rams got outstanding performances up and down their lineup from the newest freshmen to their most veteran seniors, with several local wrestlers among the top finishers. Champions for the Rams included freshman Nick D'Entremont at 103 pounds, sophomore Anthony Finn at 130 pounds, sophomore Ryan Cassidy of Wilmington at 140 pounds and junior Andrew Companschi of Wilmington at 189 pounds.

Senior captain Calvin McMillan of Tewksbury had a tremendous tournament before losing in the finals at 160 pounds, as did junior Alex

Najjar at 171 pounds and junior Brad Spinoso at 112 pounds.

D'Entremont, in his varsity tournament debut, earned a 7-3 victory over Justin Lawrence of Masconomet in the finals, giving him a 3-0 record on the day. Another young member of the Rams squad, Finn, won by pin over Dracut's Kyle Broulette with 16.7 seconds left in the first period.

"D'Entremont went into the tournament unseeded, but he is a workaholic. He has gotten himself right into our program, and he is a kid who just works and works and works," Donovan said. "Finn also went in unseeded, but he had a great tournament. He had a good season for us last year and he is off to a great start for us this year."

Cassidy won by pin in the third period, while Companschi won by decision over a very tough opponent from Masconomet.

"Ryan is 7-1 right now. He's got tremendous character. He is an old school go get 'em brawler, and when he steps on the mat he is ready to go," Donovan said. "Andrew is a veteran for us and he is going to have a great year. He is long and strong tough kid."

While McMillan was not able to pick up the championship at 160 pounds, losing to Kevin McEnaney of Westford, Donovan was still very impressed with the day his senior captain had.

"He had a great tournament, but he just got caught with a move from the other kid in the finals," Donovan said. "I am not worried about him at all. He will be in the thick of things



Shawsheen Tech's Nick D'Entremont was crowned the champion of the 103-pound weight class during Saturday's Sons of Italy tournament held at Wilmington High School. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

in every tournament."

Donovan had similar words of praise for Spinoso and Najjar for their efforts in advancing to the finals. Spinoso dropped a decision in the finals to Dracut's Brady Myers, while Najjar dropped a 15-9 decision to Williams of Haverhill in the finals.

"Myers is a state champion, but Spinoso wrestled him tough. He showed some character to be competitive with that kid and he will be a threat in each tournament we go to," Donovan said. "Najjar wrestled a tough kid as well. He made a couple of mistakes putting on some power moves that he should not have, but he knows what he did wrong. I am not worried about him. He is

the most skilled kid in our room."

Overall Donovan was very pleased to see so many young newcomers to the team do so well, along with his veterans.

"That was great to see," Donovan said. "Our seniors have been helping our younger kids along and molding them into what is expected of them with this team."

The Rams were set for a real test on Christmas Eve morning at 10 a.m. when they traveled to Haverhill for a tri-meet with Haverhill and defending Division 1 champion Lowell. While results of the meet were not available as of press time, one thing was clear: Donovan and the Rams were not going to be intimidated by their opposi

tion.

"Lowell is the best team in the state, but as I told our team we are going in to win. We are not going in to take second place," Donovan said. "We are trying to beat them for the first time ever. They are a very well coached team and they are a team with tremendous character. If you knock them off, then you are definitely doing something right."

In the win over Chelmsford, the Rams got victories from Spinoso at 112 (pin), senior co-captain Derek Harding of Tewksbury at 125 (pin), Finn at 130 (pin), Luke Riberio at 135 (pin), Jesse Dillon at 152 (pin) McMillan at 160 (pin), Najjar at 171 (pin), Companschi at 189 (pin), Anthony Pimental at

215 (pin) and heavyweight Stephen Higgins of Tewksbury by forfeit.

**Coming in Next
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Two bucks and a blanket make this Christmas Blessing

He stumbled out of the bar and over an ice-caked curb, slipping and finally falling, regaining his balance long enough to grin at what was just to the left of another large slab of ice. For this column, I will call him 'Buddy,' because without a doubt he is either someone's friend or is in dire need of a friend just three days before Christmas. 'Buddy' had found his 'gift' for this holiday season - a ratty, dirty blanket across the street from the bar and at the entrance to the coffee shop - the place that offers those little breakfast potatoes with the coffee these days. He clutched the blanket and made his way to the store's entrance. "Does anybody own this blanket?"

With no answer coming from inside, 'Buddy' announced to anyone who would listen on this cold, raw day the kind of busy pre-season Christmas afternoon when absolutely no one pays attention to the person standing in some line next to them - "boy, it is tough being homeless on a day like today." Not a person turned to look at the man. No one said a word. 'Buddy's' logic was right on. It was a tough day to be him, no matter how long he spent nursing that drink in the bar across the street from the TD Bank something or other Garden, where Paul Pierce official game shirts sell for about 75 bucks.

'Buddy' spun on his heels at the coffee shop entrance and was getting set to walk briskly up the street to his next destination, which on a day like today was hopefully someplace warm with a big bowl of steaming soup. I limped after him, and not wanting to lose a race to some homeless guy clutching a dirty blanket, I eventually made up some distance and stuck out a hand. "I've got two bucks on me, take it and have a nice day, buddy." Funny, I even knew this guy's name, and that was easy, since I call everyone that I meet for the first time 'Buddy.' I figured this would work. He kind of looked like a 'Buddy' right from the moment that I saw him take off with that blanket. Another thing that struck me immediately - the guy was resourceful and had some decent speed in the 20-yard dash. Like many of the homeless that I've met and spoke with over the years walking the streets of



Boston, 'Buddy' was homeless, not helpless. He was fending for himself. He might have felt that he was blessed to find that blanket and some slow bald guy willing to say hello and cough up some dough in the cold.

Without even trying, 'Buddy' had given me my Christmas gift three days early. Without doing anything except bracing for a fall, grabbing a blanket, asking a question, making an announcement, and almost winning a race to Downtown Crossing, this guy had got me to stop feeling sorry for myself and realize the obvious. It is Christmas, and I am blessed. 'Buddy' had stopped me right in my emotional tracks. He was a busy man, and he didn't even know it. He had somehow managed to get me 'out of myself' in therapist speak.

I rattled off the blessings in my mind as I walked back inside to finish my coffee. This was no time to give myself a pat on the back and feel good about that Christmas gift that keeps on giving. Gee, wasn't I a nice guy for helping the homeless? I already knew that I was a nice guy, just a little slow, somewhat sick, and getting older every day. I should tell you that I often forget about just how blessed I am, and that I also have an annoying tendency to forget about the people responsible for helping me along the way.

I have no guilt about making and spending money, it's just that these days, that procedure is no longer routine, but an event. To people like 'Buddy,' finding a dirty blanket is like winning the lottery. To those of you out there who think that the homeless are invisible, it's time to wise up. If you stop and pay just a little

attention, that guy in the cold clutching a coffee cup full of donated nickels and dimes could teach you all about blessings and Christmas.

Without the people that I'm about to rattle off, there would be no 'Cookie Jar' and there would be no light at the end of many days. I've been in and out of the hospital a lot lately, and it would have been easy to start feeling sorry for myself. Then, the blessings of another football season began.

In Tewksbury, support and stories came from high school football coaches Brian Aylward, Rob Aylward and Paul Norton. Then came TMHS athletic director Brian Hickey, always helpful with an ear to the Merrimack Valley Conference ground, and my 'coach' (he will always be my 'coach' no matter how old I get) Bob Aylward. Brian Aylward's wife Mary took time from rounding up her kids after one game (another tough defeat) to chase me almost to my car and ask how I was doing. She was faster than I was at this point also. Jean Aylward got me talking about field hockey, and another 'coach' Tony Romano, told me that he did indeed know something about a sport other than basketball. I also learned that it was never a blessing to omit a great player like Tina Coffin from any column concerning Tewksbury High School field hockey.

Another 'coach' from the word go, Bob McCabe, got me laughing through the pain at all the right moments, and TMHS varsity softball coach Leo DiRocco gave me a program for free and never lets me forget about it.

I turned to some parents to get some info about a young man that I had never met. Connie Morris and her son Mike Hood spent over an hour with me at that coffee shop with those little potatoes to tell the story of a man that no one should soon forget - Jim Hood. No one will forget Jim with a son like Mike around. Days later, Mike approached me as I was having lunch in Tewksbury. "Thank you Mr. Cooke, the story came out great." That's the kind of stuff that makes my day, because this is the kind of the thing that will help someone else as they give cancer a good beating. That's what I told Mike

Hood, and I believe it to be a blessing that should be shared and not forgotten, like his dad.

Then there was the story played out by Joe Gulino, one of the best linemen that I've ever seen play at the high school, with a combination of technique and strength that would make him a Division I College player if he were just two inches taller. What can never be measured is this kid's heart. I found myself asking the question - how many more times can this kid practically crawl off the field and come back from another injury? That was indeed a blessing to watch someone play in the face of such physical adversity. It almost made an old, sick guy feel like buckling up that chinstrap for a chance to play next to Gulino. Talk about a dream-induced Christmas present.

The blessings just kept on coming this Fall, with former TMHS' football player Dave French telling me over a beer that he was 'honored' to receive a phone call from Town Crier Sports Editor Rick Cooke many years ago before a Super Bowl appearance. Dave, you've got that story in reverse. Although I was a little more spry back then, I was both envious of and lucky to watch you and that group of Redmen play football.

Then, that same day, the Jade East boys made their weekly appearance for what has become a sports' roundtable at the place. Rob Ahern, Bob Lecesse and Ron Magee. Led by Ahern, they sit in the corner and torture me with rat-a-tat sports chatter about everything and anything. It is not just a Patriots' game, but stream of sports consciousness at its finest. Ultimately for me, it's a blessing, because those guys are all there with a phone call when it counts. How am I doing - and will I be back soon so they can test my knowledge about absolutely nothing to do with sports? Thanks guys, you are truly the gifts that keep on giving. And now, Magee has the record for appearing in this column 25 times in two years. That friends, is not a blessing, but a running joke. Former roommate Rich Deshler has finally figured out after all these years that I can write, and now Deshler is a basketball fan, of all things. Mike

Manna, a former running mate and probably the best small forward in the history of TMHS basketball, is always there with an email and an invitation to the Showcase Cinema. That will be a real blessing when I finally take him up on that offer.

In Wilmington, my daily blessing usually starts and ends with track coaching legend Frank Kelley. Actually, Kelley would never like me using his name in the same sentence as 'legend.' There are two words that I'll use often when I talk to Kelley over the many days that we will spend working together on his book. It took me chasing a homeless guy to think about this book as a treasure and a blessing. This is not work - it's a gift, and it came my way long before Christmas. Whether it's a phone message or another priceless interview, the writing of Kelley's life story is making this claim seem very real. "There is a book here Frank," I would tell him. There was some convincing at the start, but as the emails and phone calls came in from all over the country, I knew that the hard sell was over. Frank and I were working together, and all the while he was still asking me how I felt, and that if I needed to rest we should stop and talk on another day.

There was the phone call that helped to turn a bad day around. It came from Massachusetts General Hospital, and at first I thought that it was bad news from one of my many doctors. It turned out to be another blessing. Mary McNaughton Collins, the record holder at Wilmington High School in the 880, mile and two mile back in 1983, was returning a phone call to talk about coach Kelley. "Oh my, what a wonderful idea", said Doctor McNaughton-Collins. "There is a place for you in heaven for writing this book." When an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School talks - you generally listen. I told her that Frank, at the age of 80, wasn't getting any younger, and I wasn't getting any smarter, or something like that. Whatever I said, I was touched, and there's that word again - blessed. Wherever I turned, there was a gift. There was a reason to keep going. There were many reasons to keep hearing the stories and writing this column.

There were always the people that flowed in and out of the old Town Crier office at the North Depot. I miss the interaction that is just not there as I sit and write this column from my living room. That doesn't mean that I'm not still touched by the sports fans in Wilmington, who always knew that 35 years ago, I was a Tewksbury High School athlete. I now feel that even being despised back then was a blessing. At least I knew that you were always reading.

Now, you read on and I remain touched by the people and the stories. There is the Fullerton family, Francis and Betty Downs, Kay Scanlon, Tom Woods, Bob Woods, Jim Stewart, Ed Harrison and some guy named Shine in a bright orange University of Tennessee jacket. I remember Flora and our nights together at the Town Crier office putting this newspaper to bed. Two nights without sleep with a 70-year-old woman that cursed like a sailor, now that was a blessing. Then there was The Captain. Larz Neilson often met me at the door of the building with the words: "How much more (fill in the nasty word here) sports do we need in the paper?" Back then, even with that question, I always knew that I was blessed to be here. I learned on the fly, and I learned to get it right or else.

No one needed to tell me when it was time to leave. When I did leave years ago, I gave my baby of a sports section to Jamie Pote, and ultimately, his work and willingness to go anywhere to cover the big game or the rising young high school star was the best kind of blessing.

You can't just write stuff like this and hope for the best. You wait long enough and work hard enough and it just happens. It is something like chasing a homeless man and hoping that you catch him. You never know when that wake-up call will come. For me, it came three days before Christmas. Over two years back, writing this column, and living a life that I should never take for granted. That's the real Christmas blessing.

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WHS Boys Hockey

Wildcats defense holds off Lynnfield

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High School boys' varsity hockey team completely dominated Lynnfield in the second period, before holding off the Pioneers third period challenge, to skate away with a pivotal 2-1 victory in a Cape Ann League battle played Saturday afternoon at the Ristuccia Exposition Center.

The Wildcats scored both of their goals in the second half of the second period as Jared Ravagni and Jefree Harris enjoyed the tallies as Wilmington held a 14-0 advantage in the shot department. After Lynnfield cut the lead in half in the third period, the Wildcats defense was very good, led by solid performances by Danny Cushing and Brian

Hurley, as well as 15 saves in the net by back-up Joey Aucoin helped the Wildcats improve to 2-1 on the young season.

"This was a real good win for us," said Wildcat head coach Steve Scanlon. "It's good to see us cutting down on our mistakes. We really had to work to beat (Lynnfield's) goalie (Craig Cataldo) because he's really good. We were a little bit more

disciplined with our positioning which was nice to see. We still have a ways to go with that. But we put a lot of shots on net. It was good for us to get into a high-stakes contest and to hang on to the win. That does a lot for you."

Coming back after making several critical mistakes in the team's 4-2 loss to Masconomet last Wednesday night,

Wilmington played solid in all three zones, but more importantly the team played intelligently. The 'Cats kept the Lynnfield shooters to the outside and perimeter, and just really worked the puck well, starting from its own end, and working it into the offensive zone, especially in that second period.

"Our defensemen (Cushing, Hurley, John Malone and Tom Quilty) did play really well," said Scanlon. "We talk to them about fixing their mistakes and about making decisions, playing disciplined, and not trying to do too much and just do your job and I thought they all did that very well today."

Behind the four defensemen was sophomore goalie Joey Aucoin. He started his second straight game in the net, after junior starter Zack Rosa, took a shot off his collarbone during a practice last week and had to sit almost a week. He should be back in action this week when the Wildcats take on Amesbury and then participate in the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament with games on Saturday and Monday, beginning with Danvers.

As for Aucoin, he stopped 15 of 16 shots he faced, including two gems off the stick of Dylan Costa in the first minute of play in the third period, before finally cracking when Costa fed Greg Meininger, who was able to slide one past Aucoin, who was left helpless on the play.

"I give (Aucoin) a lot of credit," said Scanlon. "He did a nice job filling in. His biggest problem is (giving) up rebounds

and he did a nice job of cutting down on them. You could see him gather them up, and he made some really nice saves today. He's a young kid who was in a high-stakes game and it's good to see him come through and play well."

The teams skated to a scoreless first period with neither team really registering a great scoring chance. After Wilmington failed to convert on two power plays in the first five minutes of the second period, the third time was a charm. Harris had the puck on the left hand boards, and waited patiently before sliding a puck to the far right post to Ravagni, who tapped it home giving the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

With less than four minutes to go in the period, the Wildcats scored what turned out to be the game winner. Behind solid passing from Patrick Boudreau and Ed Barrasso, Harris was sent in with the puck and beat Cataldo on a backhand, giving Wilmington a 2-0 lead heading into the third period.

Lynnfield did score that one goal to cut the lead in half, but Aucoin came up with another big stop as Costa had him dead to right, but a quick pad save negated that chance. Lynnfield pulled Cataldo with under a minute to go, but the 'Cats held on to the hard fought 2-1 win.

On Wednesday, the Wildcats were defeated 4-2. Ravagni and Kevin Flanagan had one goal each, while Liam Gately collected two assists.



Wilmington High junior forward Liam Gately puts a shot on net during the boys' hockey team's season opener against Pentucket held recently at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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WHS Girls Hoop

Late comeback falls just short

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Trailing by 18 points just 22 seconds into the fourth quarter, it seemed that it would take much longer for the very young, yet talented Wilmington High School girls' basketball team to gain that experience, to get familiar with one another, and put all of that together.

But in the final 7:14 of Thursday's game, that boatload of youth potential was displayed on the Cushing Gymnasium Floor. The Wildcats rallied from that 18-point deficit and cut the lead down to four with 34 seconds left, and three with four seconds left, but couldn't pull out the dramatic come from behind victory. Methuen's Rashidat Agboola (22 points) hit two free throws giving Methuen the 61-56 non-league win.

Wilmington outscored Methuen 21-8 in the final 7:14, but missed a crucial lay-up, and also went 1-for-8 from the free throw line in the final 2:32, which ultimately was the difference of falling to 0-3 on the young season.

"With the short preseason we haven't done a lot of shooting and it shows," said head coach Jay Keane. "We're hoping to correct that because we're not shooting well from the line in all three games. We have a little bit of a break in our schedule and I know the girls can use it. But I was happy with the fourth quarter. We had a shot - we had a shot at the end. The momentum shifted our way but we just didn't get that break in the end that we needed."

Trailing 53-35 after Katelyn Ortiz (25 points) scored on a steal and lay-up, Keane went to his bench to get some help. Freshman point guard Emily Crannell started an 11-0 run with a three-pointer. That was followed by two jump shots in the paint by sophomore Katie Aioki, who then watched freshman Meaghan Stinson score two baskets, the first on a pass from Crannell, and the second on a

nice effort off a put back. That forced Methuen to call a timeout, leading 53-46 with 4:35 to go in the game.

"There are no excuses," said Keane. "We got the deficit down and we had a shot to win it at the end and we didn't. But we had two freshmen and three sophomores out there and they got us back in the game with some enthusiasm off the bench."

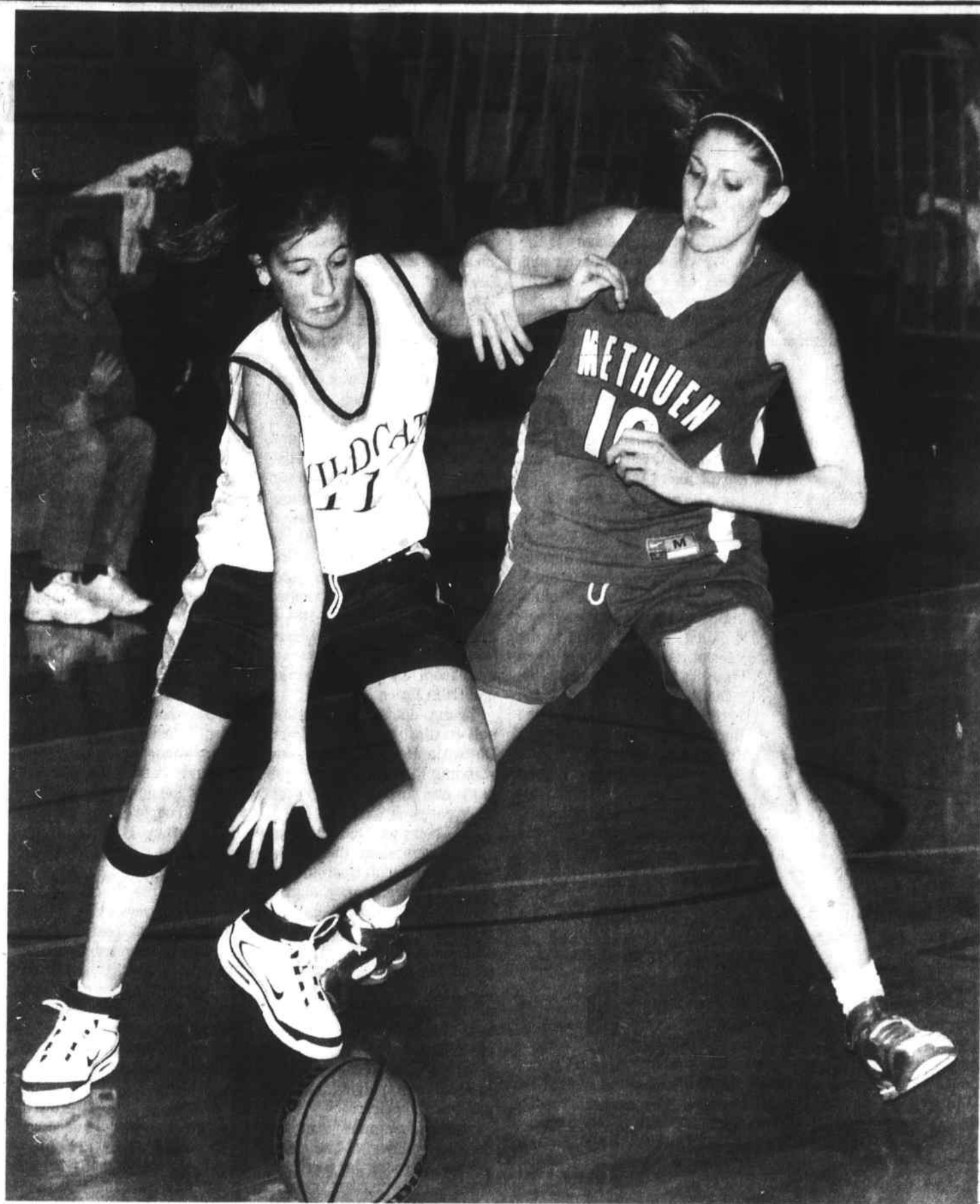
Ortiz came out of the timeout and scored two straight baskets pushing the Rangers lead to nine with 3:19 to go. Keane that inserted most of his starters back in, and again the 'Cats rallied going on a 7-0 run, with all seven points scored by junior Amy Fahey. She converted off a turnover, on a drive, hit one of two free throws, and then made it a four-point game after Jessica Stukeley stole the ball and gave a nice heads up pass for the easy bucket. And throughout that time, the Wildcats missed seven free throws.

Now trailing by four with 34 seconds later, Wilmington came up with a huge steal but missed a lay-up. Ortiz then converted on two free throws, before Crannell nailed her second trey of the fourth quarter cutting it down to three points with four seconds to go. But Methuen hung on with Agboola's two free throws with one second left on the clock.

"I know I said this earlier but we have some young girls and we're still working on our rotations," said Keane. "Sometimes it looks like we are just panicking out there and I think that's just lack of experience with the girls who are out there."

Fahey led the way with 19 points, while fellow starter, freshman Maggie Brown was also in double figures as she scored all ten of her points in the first half. The team's other three starters combined for 13 points, while Crannell, Stinson and Aioki had 14 combined points off the bench.

"(After the fourth quarter comeback with the substitutes) I



Wilmington High School freshman Meaghan Stinson drives to the hoop with the basketball during last Thursday's non-league loss to Methuen in girls' varsity hoop action played at WHS.

(Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

put my starters back in and I think they worked a little bit harder," said Keane. "I think when the (starters) get tired our defense suffers a little bit. We

played some zone (defense) and just like the first game, we packed it in to get rebounds, and then they started to hit some three-pointers, so we had to go

back to man-to-man. We are working on all of that stuff.

"But it was nice to see that real young group come off the bench and give us that spark that we

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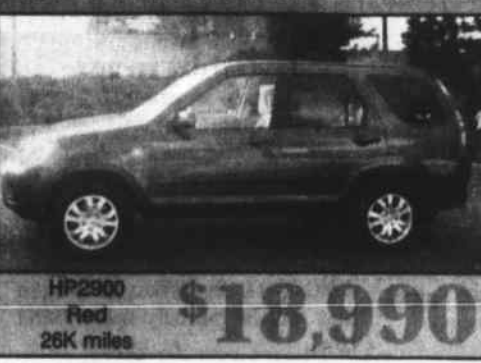
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Nuggets score 37 against tough Nets team

Intermediate Division Nuggets 37, Nets 24

The Nuggets faced a very talented Nets team this weekend. Each team battled the other under the boards, but the Nuggets came out on top. Once again, Alex Botazzi had a monster game controlling the space underneath the basket.

The Nuggets played very aggressively, especially Alex, Mike Charbonneau, Eric Ell, Joey Felix, and William Ramsey, who had only one foul to give before fouling out. Will LeRette did an excellent job on the boards and was perfect from the free throw line. Paul Fleury rounded out the scoring with some key baskets. Tim Lynch did great under the basket against much larger opponents. Ryan Letourneau, Ryan Anderson, and Ali Reza-Reyes showed excellent hustle and played great defense. The

Nuggets played another great team game to win.

Raptors 47, Heat 44

The Heat just fell short to the Raptors in a fourth quarter nail biter. After being down by as much as 14, the Heat surged back to within three in the last period of the game after multiple turnovers were forced by Austin Harrington, Shawn Jones and Andrew Magnell. The Heat scoring was led by Ricky Berquist (19), Alex Erwin (10) and Dylan Bartolomeu (9).

Hornets 45, Bullets 27

After struggling last week with their offense, the Hornets picked things up in an impressive manner this time around, as their shooting was much improved and their passing outstanding. Lots of credit to the interior passing efforts of Ryan Panesitti and the perimeter distribution of Andrew Rogers and Brendan O'Connor to get the Hornets offense untracked. Andrew led all scorers with a career high 17 points, but he also had several assists and simply played an outstanding all around game. Brendan was his usual pesky self defensively,

and contributed seven points to the Hornets attack, including a three-pointer.

Ryan O'Neil did an excellent job at both ends of the floor and finished with 3 points, including a nice 16 foot jumper. Matt Famiglietti (2 points) continues to play outstanding individual and team defense and Pete Murray (6 points) was a force on the defensive boards. Gregory (Pick) Boyages set a couple of textbook screens and played excellent team defense before fouling out. Co-captain Paul Salibe led the Bullets attack with 13 points, followed by Andrew Wallace with 5, Robert Papandrea and Chris Demattia with four points each, and John Giuggio who pumped in one from the charity stripe. Playing hard defensively were Nick McLaughlin (who recovered from early foul trouble) and Colin Brace.

Playing outstanding basketball is first year player Chris Demattia. He possesses an outstanding knowledge of the game and surprises many with his great playmaking ability.

76ers top Bobcats

The Sixers used their team speed and tough man-to-man defense to overcome a significant size differential in this contest that was not decided until the fourth quarter. Both teams put forth 100% effort in this very entertaining matchup. For the 76ers, the Bednarek boys (Brendan and Ryan) combined to score 20 of the teams 57 points. Mike Reznikow added 10 of his own, playing a strong game at the point.

Cameron Skinner was the defensive player of the game for the Sixers as he sacrificed

his numbers on offense to concentrate on a tough defensive assignment against the Bobcats dominant center. Joey Martel had another terrific game, leading the 76er up-tempo attack and dishing some nice passes to various teammates in the low post. Another all-around team effort from the Sixers players, as each of the 11 players on the roster hit the scoring column.

Jazz 34, Bucks 27

Jimmy Doran led the way for the Jazz earning ten points with his hustling play under the basket. Henry Roberts also knocked down ten points, with most coming off of Jazz defensive steals and fast break opportunities. Adam Rekkie played strong in the paint for five points and Danny Donovan (3 points) played a tough defensive game. Also scoring buckets for the Jazz with some sharp shooting were Robbie Cofer, Joseph Topor and Tommy Madore. On the defensive end, Patrick Poirier and Andrew Langone hustled their way to a couple of steals to help thwart the Bucks attack. Another great team effort by the Jazz!

Although the Bucks played against a physically larger team, the first period was a defensive battle led by Brian Nguyen (1 point), Dylan Crupi, and Brendan Kelly. Rebounding was strong for Eric Vellozo (4 points) and Ron Mallach (4 points). Ryan Cunningham (6 points) and Erik Freitag (6 points) did a great job on offense, working the ball through the Jazz full court press. Mike Smith (2 points), Nick Salvato, and Derek

Kawalski (4 points) displayed great hustle all over the court while setting some nice picks. Both Bucks coaches were extremely pleased with the entire team effort at both ends of the court.

Sonics 38, Eagles 23

The Sonics, going for their first victory, completed a 38-23 win over a hustling Eagles team. The Sonics offense displayed a total team effort, making smart passes and taking good shots. John Lauer led the scoring with ten points. Dennis Dingman, Mike Burns, and Josh Gadue each contributed six points. Bryan Foti and Joey Abbott also added four points each. The Sonics defense was relentless with Rich Pachucki and Josh Gadue doing a great job in the paint. Great defensive pressure by Dennis Dingman and Joey Abbott also resulted in a number of turnovers. It was a great game for the Sonics, where every player made key contributions.

Forward Petro Nacopoulos was first to score for the Eagles and led the team in scoring for the game with seven points. Steven Ferreira did a fantastic job on offense, keeping himself in the open and scoring four points on his own. Guard Brandon Fitzpatrick kept the pressure on the Sonics offense while putting up four. Eagle center Greg Silva scored two points and was unstoppable as he moved the ball down court into the Sonics territory. Dominic Montecalvo scored four points and was the rebound master in the second half. Jack Lindsey got two points while he maintained pressure on the Sonics defense

under the net. Forward Dan Daley was awesome on the court; his strong defensive plays forced several turnovers during the game.

Point guard David Dingman did a fantastic job bringing the ball down court and setting up offensive plays with his teammates. Justin Brooks was outstanding on defense, pressing the Sonics offense and forcing them to fight for every inch of court. Joe Lehmann was tremendous under the net, providing strong defense and capturing several important rebounds.

Celtics 42, Friars 27

The Friars fell behind early and could not come back against the Celtics in a 42-27 loss. The Friars played solid defense but could not overcome the Celtics rebounding advantage. John Saunders was the leader on both ends of the floor for the Friars. David Dempsey and Anthony Darrigo chipped in with multiple baskets. Mike Boudreau, Justin Whitehouse, and Justin Amaral rounded out the scoring. Joe Darrigo drew the tough defensive assignment and pressured the ball all game.

Sr. Division

Rockets 65, T-Wolves 54

The Rockets got their fourth straight win on Saturday against the tough and determined T-Wolves. Craig Semenza had an awesome performance with 39 points and some key rebounding. Alex Dane and Jamal Choudhary did a great job on defense, protecting the top of the key. Mike

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existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or lot reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE

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By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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Newton, MA 02458
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Whipple Road, one hundred twenty five (125.0 feet)

NORTHWESTERLY: By lot 1 as shown on said plan, four hundred thirty five 60/100 (435.60) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY: By land of owners unknown as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY: By land of owners unknown as shown on said plan, four hundred thirty five and 60/100 (43560) feet.

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Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 12317, Page 96.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or

realignment of the roadway edges to provide a new left turn lane on the westbound leg of East Street. A sidewalk will be added along the north-west quadrant of the intersection, which is intended to connect to future sidewalk construction. Wheelchair accessible ramps will be constructed at the north-east and south-west corners.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassHighway's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassHighway subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassHighway website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition

to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing.

The community has declared that this facility is accessible to all in compliance with the ADA / Title II. However, persons in need of ADA / Title II accommodations should contact Angela Rudikoff by phone at (617) 973-7005 or e m a i l angela.rudikoff@eot.state.ma.us. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHighway website <http://www.mass.gov/mhd>.

LUISA PAIEWONSKY
COMMISSIONER
FRANK A. TRAMONTOZZI, P.E.
12/24/12/31 CHIEF ENGINEER
6662 Boston, Massachusetts

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF HEALTH

On December 4, 2008, the Tewksbury Board of Health adopted a GIS Surcharge fee schedule. These fees will become effective two weeks after this advertisement. A complete copy of the GIS Surcharge fee schedule is available at the Tewksbury Health Department 999 Whipple Road Tewksbury during normal business hours.

6682 Ralph McHatton
12.24.08 Chairperson

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2008 Town Report of the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

Mark each envelope: "Bid on 2008 Town Report to be opened at 11:00 a.m., January 14, 2009."

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

12.17/12.24 Michael A. Cairra
6675 Town Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. on the request of Crescent Hospitality Corporation d/b/a Holiday Inn Tewksbury to transfer all alcoholic innholder liquor license to Boston West Hospitality, LLC by d/b/a Holiday Inn Tewksbury, Donald F. DuPaul, manager, on premises described as five story hotel with restaurant, kitchen, lobby, indoor pool with service area, hotel has 227 guest rooms located at 4 Highwood Drive. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public and is requested to be submitted in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Friday, January 2, 2009.

6674 Todd Johnson, Chairman
12/24/08 Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 1-09 Saugusbank c/o R. Peterson, Esq. Map 36 Parcel 186

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) §5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 to construct a single family dwelling on a lot having insufficient legal frontage, area and width for property located on 11 Rhode Island Road.

Case 2-09 Benevento Fam. Ltd Ptn, c/o R. Peterson Esq. Map R1 Parcel 27A,28,29A.

To acquire a variance from §5.3.5 to construct a concrete batch plant 55'10" in height where the maximum building height in a General Industrial Zone is 48' for property located on 900 Salem Street.

Case 2A-0909 Benevento Fam. Ltd Ptn, c/o R. Peterson Esq. Map R1 Parcel 27A,28,29A

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §3.6.6 to construct a concrete batch plant to an existing sand and gravel plant for property located on 900 Salem Street.

Case 3-09 Michael Carter, c/o R. Peterson Esq. Map 7 Parcel 48

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (construct a 4'x4' concrete bulkhead) for property located on 174 Taft Road.

6679 12.17,12.24.08

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 6, 2009 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #08-17, entitled, "Site Plan, 294 - 296 Shawsheen Avenue, Wilmington, MA", dated November 24, 2008, submitted on December 4, 2008 by Attorney Robert G. Peterson for James V. Castellano, Tr., Lily 294 Shawsheen Ave. Realty Trust and James V. Castellano, manager, Lily 296 Shawsheen Ave., LLC, 18 Sarafina Way, Wilmington, MA 01887; prepared by Professional Engineer; Thad D. Berry and Professional Surveyor; Andrew C. Bramhall, Benchmark Survey, 38 Montvale Avenue, Suite 180, Stoneham, MA 02180. Said property is located at 294 - 296 Shawsheen Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 22 Parcels 8 and 8C. This project is to renovate an existing shopping center and include construction of an additional 4,997 s.f. of retail and restaurant space.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

12/17/08 Michael Sorrentino,
12/24/08 Chair
6678 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2009-2010 Calendar for the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

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6676 Michael A. Cairra
12.17/12.24 Town Manager

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Allen Sembler to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated November 5, 2001 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 12317, Page 98, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, NA is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2009, on the mortgaged premises located at 1368 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT

The land in said Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in the buildings thereon being shown as Lot 2 Whipple Road as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to Walter J. Puklis, dated April 1961, Armand E. Provost, Jr., surveyor recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 94, Plan 99 being further bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY: By

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project File No. 604068

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassHighway to discuss the proposed improvements at the intersection of East Street and Livingston Street in Tewksbury, MA

WHERE: Tewksbury Public Library
300 Chandler Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

WHEN: Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed improvements at the intersection of East Street and Livingston Street project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The project proposes the installation of a traffic signal and minor widening and

Tewksbury youth boys hoop round-up

FROM PAGE SP6T

Stowell was excellent with his defense in the second half. Anthony Paulino had a great game with rebounding and going back up for the shot. Tyler White was outstanding on both sides of the court and moving the ball. Ryan Tirabassi had a great performance on defense and had another big basket this game in the second quarter. It was another great performance by the whole team.

Lakers 52, Blazers 37

Scott Thurlow led the Blazers in scoring with 13 points. James Francois and Ben Bourne had stand-out games, each scoring six points. The Blazers fell behind early but held on and made a couple great comeback attempts. Alec Pacheco and Robby Whelton chipped in with four points each and were crucial in controlling the ball through the press. Ryan Finneral, Jimmy Farley and Pat Fronduto played very hard, hustling at both ends of the court. Matt Elia and Josh Whelton did a great job all game, working hard under the hoop and fighting for rebounds.

In the end, the Blazers just could not close the gap. The Lakers opened up strong with Joe Lasseur hitting for a quick lay up and finishing the game with seven points total. Matt Cimmino unleashed a barrage of buckets with a team high 13 points. Keith Bradley was on fire with ten while Scott Ripley pumped in eight.

Derek Sabbag and Alec DiFrancia played strong under the hoop and banged in four each. Theo Hondros, Rob Charbonneau, and Doug Sheehan had a ton of assists and contributed two points apiece. Joshua Welton lead the defense with a bunch of steals and set up great offensive play action.

Suns 51, Raptors 23

It was a tough shooting day for the Raptors, led offensively by Dave Minichello, who hit a number of big three point bas-

kets. DJ Ray and Peter Stratis, as usual, were big on the boards and Jimmy Ferriera played a very good game on both ends of the floor, including a few steals. Ryan Hodgdon broke a finger early in the contest and his defense on the perimeter was sorely missed. Billy Gavin, Ryan Eatherton and Shawn Houde had a number of good looks but the ball was not falling for the Raptors. Matt Astuti moved the ball well on the perimeter and Chris Blake chipped in with a couple of blocked shots. Aaron Doucette played solid defense as well but in the end, it was the great three-point shooting from the Suns that was the difference. Everyone on the Suns contributed as this was a total team effort win.

The Suns' first line guard tandem of Tom Gill and Mike Indelicato were solid all afternoon, providing great ball movement and defense while the second line guard tandem of the "Wells brothers", Dylan and Matt, were running every time the Suns gained possession. Matt Haley and Kurt Chandler were both finding the range from outside while Dana Robichaud, Ian Flynn and Matt Hanson were tough to contain down low. Not one Sun player scored in double figures which gives an indication of how well the points were spread around.

Celtics 50, Hornets 36

The Celtics came into this game firing on all cylinders and displayed another great team performance. Ryan Anzuoni had his best all around game, playing tough shut down defense and cutting and slashing his way to six points. Dillon McTiernan handled and distributed the ball well and kept the Hornets shooters in check. Danny Altavesta was a force all over the floor, disrupting the Hornets offense and pouring in 13 points.

Frank Murray had six points and some great lockdown defense. Cory Lucia stepped up with some great defense, limit-

ing the opponents' offensive chances. James Walton was a rebounding machine, making the quick outlet passes to start fast breaks and had a chip shot. Brandon O'Keefe (7 points) helped shut the door on any interior scoring with great help from Jack Cappello (7 points). Brendan O'Keefe (9 points) ran the offense flawlessly, distributing the ball all around for a very balanced attack. Andrew Conserva did the kinds of things that don't show up in the scorebook, throwing himself after loose balls and out hustling everybody on the floor.

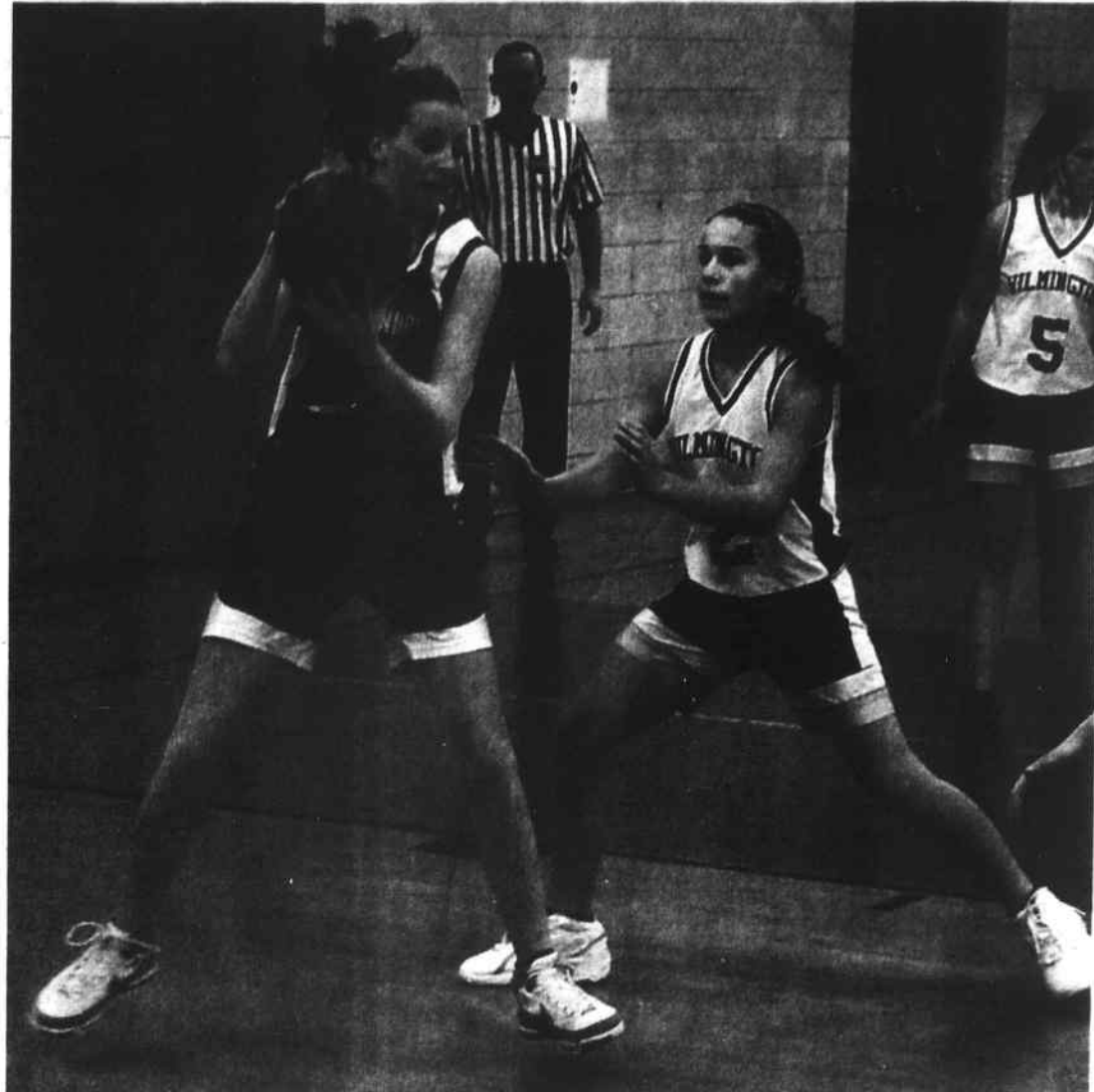
The Hornets were unable to get much going offensively and foul trouble limited their options defensively. Bobby Lombard had three 3-pointers and played a good floor game. Jaylin Sparks had a three and did a great job defensively. Matt Baptista was solid inside. Nick Noel contributed his usual steady effort at both ends of the court. CJ Foti provided great hustle on the defensive end. Although the Hornets went down by ten in the second quarter and weren't able to get over the hump to mount a serious rally, they competed defensively and played hard to the end.

Pistons 58, Knicks 41

The Pistons overcame a Knicks team that had a short bench because of the snow. Sean Carriker, Christian Cameron and Liam Coughlin helped the Pistons jump out to an early lead, but the Knicks clawed back to cut the lead to five points at half time. The Pistons finally figured out how to break the full court press with help from Mike Mongiello, Mike Begonis and Chris Begonis. The Pistons extended their lead in the fourth quarter, after the Knicks ran into foul trouble.

Sixers 51, Pacers 32

The Sixers started a little slow in this game and were not taking good care of the ball so the Pacers quickness and control enabled them to take the early lead. In the second period, the



The 8th grade Travel Basketball Team's, Michelle Woods, applies defense pressure in Saturday's River Valley League game. (courtesy photo).

Sixers settled down a bit and started driving to the basket. They began to edge out a lead and kept it for the rest of the game.

The Pacers hung tough and never let the Sixers get too much of a lead. Scoring for the Sixers were Kevin Saunders with 12 points, David Summiel with ten, Louie LaMarca with ten, Devin Summiel with eight, Kevin Bryan with four, Joe Hulme with two, Keagan Mahoney with two, Danny LaMarca with two, and Billy Abbott with one.

All the Sixers worked very hard on defense but Brian Grayson and Vinny Barinelli did a particularly good job get-

ting a hand in the face of some of the Pacers great outside shooters. We also saw a great job on the floor from Danny LaMarca, who did not miss a step or play despite just coming off an injury. Great job Sixers!

Magic 61, Bobcats 51

Cory Cataldo opened the scoring for the Magic. Kevin Leary had good low post work and produced four, first half points. Chris Burak played great defense, causing many turnovers. Michael Doucette had six points, 15 assists and a dominating presence in the paint. Dylan Cullen chipped in with two points and did a great job on the boards. Marty Glynn played very well on both sides

of the ball. Billy McAllister took good open shots and also trapped the ball well. Tim Glynn scored his first bucket of the year with a little floater in the middle. Tim, early in the fourth, went one for two from the line to tie the score.

In the last four minutes of the game, Sean Doucette scored six of his team high 24 points. Joey Gonsalves had a career day, raining 20 points, including two from beyond the three point line and six in the final four minutes.

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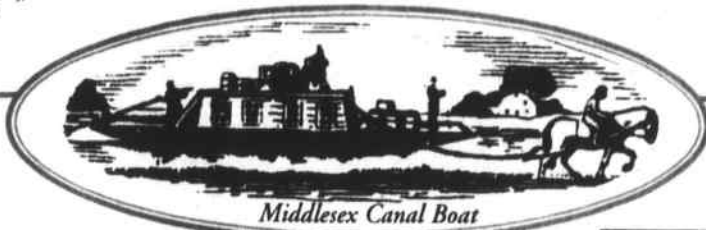
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"Star of the Day, who will it be:"

Wakefield's Carissa Scudieri getting close!

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

By now everyone (at least in Wakefield) knows that Carissa Scudieri has made it to the semi-finals on Community Auditions: Star of the Day (seen at 9:30 p.m., Friday, December 26, on WSBK-TV Channel 38). However, only Scudieri knows whether she goes on to the finals and she cannot tell, but she is smiling.

What she said, when asked: "I wouldn't change it for anything. It was a great experience. Everyone was very nice and the judges were very helpful with their comments."

Scudieri's publicity agent and very proud mother, Paula Scudieri said, "It (the program) will be repeated on Saturday night, Dec. 27 at midnight on channel 4 (WBZ-TV) and again on Sunday, Dec 28 at noontime back on TV 38."

Paula added "If Carissa wins that episode she will compete in the Grand Championship finals the next week. If she doesn't win, she will go home excited that she made it this far!"

Another factor is playing in the outcome of this contest that has been going on since June and that is the at home audience. Despite what the judges say on the show, the viewers vote is also important. After seeing the show, please remember to vote by going to <http://www.communityauditions.com/vote.html>.

Carissa said, "If scores (by the three rotating judges) were close, they went by audience participation. That did not affect me at all."

The reason for the audience vote not being needed is that Carissa won four weeks in a row to become a finalist. Only three other contestants accomplished this. The eight others were voted in via internet. If Carissa had lost, she still would have been voted in because she got enough internet votes to move onto the finals.

Although this is a new resurrection of Community Auditions, the show has a long history on New England television. According to notes on the website, "In 1987 Community Auditions became the longest running entertainment TV show in history, after 37 continuous years of song, dance, magic tricks, comedy routines and laughs both intentional and otherwise. Although Gun Smoke may have been the longest running network TV show, Community Auditions topped that record by 17 years."



WAKEFIELD'S CARISSA SCUDIERI has been competing on "Community Auditions: Star of the Day." The most recent program will be repeated on Saturday night, Dec. 27 at midnight on channel 4 (WBZ-TV) and again on Sunday, Dec 28 at noontime back on TV 38. (Courtesy of Community Auditions: Star of the Day)

"In Spring 2007, after a 20 year hiatus, one of New England's all-time favorite TV shows returned as Community Auditions: Star of the Day lighting up TVs from Maine to Connecticut and from Provincetown to Lake Champlain.

"Since the earliest days of radio, and later television, talent shows and competitions have been very popular. Today, some of the most important trends in TV programming are talent searches of all kinds, from You Think You Can Dance to The Apprentice and, of course, American Idol.

"It should be no surprise then that the longest running TV program in history was Community Auditions from 1950-1987. Community Auditions was an institution, a family tradition with a following, from proud parents, neighbors and friends throughout New England to the unlikely enthusiasm of hip college students from Harvard and Wellesley. It didn't take long to rekindle that affection."

That list of colleges and university now has Boston's Berklee College of Music added to it. Scudieri is now attending, along with a classmate, Laura Minaedo of Rhode Island. In the semi-finals, Scudieri is competing against two Berklee grads, Krysta Youngs of Boston and Daniel McClain of Cambridge.

Scudieri likes the competition, but she most appreciates the chance to perform. "I love it. I love the passion. I couldn't really picture a day without singing."

Despite her young age, Scudieri has plenty of experience singing in front of audiences. She has been performing for 10 years in night clubs, large arenas and several Italian festivals.

Her experience also includes singing with and without back-up bands. However, one edge that Scudieri has over the other contestants is that she is proficient and talented in television production.

During her years at Wakefield Memorial High School Scudieri was a member of the television program put on by WHS-TV15. She also interned for a year at Wakefield's Community Access Television, WCAT.

As a freshman at Berklee, Scudieri applied for and easily



Carissa Scudieri

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got a work/study position in the college's video production department. In this venue she puts her production skills to work video-taping other students as they do their projects and also get the chance to study some big name artists who perform at the school.

Scudieri explained, "All of the programs were done at the Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theater in front of audiences of about 100 people."

She added, "Every audience is different. Every audience brings something new to the performance; the way they react

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Seven Pounds"



WILL SMITH STARS WITH ROSARIO DAWSON in "Seven Pounds." Any viewer knows pretty quick where this film is heading.

"SEVEN POUNDS"

GRADE: **

Will Smith's latest drama is a downbeat film about a man seeking redemption in the most extreme manner.

Anyone with a sharp mind and movie smarts can figure out the film's 'big secret' and know where "Seven Pounds" is heading within the first 15 to 20 minutes.

And after that, the movie simply drags. At nearly two hours, "Seven Pounds" feels about 30 minutes too long.

Smith's likable persona is what saves the movie, even though he walks through the film as if he were already passed on.

To the outside world, Smith's "Ben" appears cheery, affable and concerned about others. It is the unguarded moments when he is alone that his character's pain is most evident.

"Seven Pounds" is like a toy

puzzle with seven or eight big pieces - once you manage to put a couple together, the others easily fall into place.

The movie offers no actual twists or surprises.

It is the acting by Smith, Rosario Dawson and, in a very small role, Woody Harrelson, that keeps you engrossed.

"Seven Pounds" is disappointing overall, but worthy if you enjoy Smith and want to see one of his stronger turns as an actor.

"THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL"

GRADE: **

There are few casting decisions that border on genius like the one made to get Keanu Reeves to play an alien that looks human, only devoid of all emotion and soul. That's a performance he has been giving for most of his career.

In "The Day the Earth Stood

Still" Reeves voice is flat and he moves with robotic stiffness, much like the plot itself in this remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic of the same name.

Director Scott Derrickson keeps a few key elements of the original - the alien once again is named Klaatu and is accompanied by a big, eight stories tall robot named Gort. Klaatu becomes a fugitive from our government and is abetted by a widow (Jennifer Connelly) and her stepson.

The filmmakers dumped the first movie's religious imagery, deciding instead to focus on an environmental message - humans better stop messing with the earth, or else. Klaatu announces that he has come to save the planet, and could care less about what happens to us, the virus-like plague that is slowly killing our homeworld.

"If the Earth dies, you die," he reasons. "If you die, the Earth survives."

The first 40 minutes of the film are very good. Connelly's scientist, Helen Benson, is taken by men in black who drive her to a special installation where she and hundreds of other experts learn that a UFO is on a collision course with Central Park. It's a huge sphere of light and swirling clouds, and from it emerges a humanoid form: Klaatu. Whom we immediately shoot.

The hospitalized ambassador from space is grilled by the secretary of defense (Kathy Bates). Asked what form he had before becoming human, Klaatu responds: "It would only frighten you."

Then Klaatu escapes, and "The Day the Earth Stood Still" spirals into corn and cliché. He joins Helen and her kid. She takes the fugitive to meet a brilliant scientist (John Cleese),

who tries to talk the space visitor out of destroying mankind. Then Klaatu learns about love, and the tale begins to disintegrate into some strange inter-species love story.

This version may have a big special effects budget, but it has little else going for it.

"PUNISHER: WAR ZONE"

GRADE: *

"Punisher: War Zone" may be the best cinematic adaptation of the Marvel comic series of the three films made so far. Even so, it's still terrible.

There is enough time between shoot-ups to sit in the darkened theater and examine why you would possibly have decided to spend 103 minutes of your existence viewing this schlock, but then the bullets start flying again and you are distracted once again.

The plot is generic comic book. Frank Castle (Ray Stevenson) is a former Special Forces instructor and seminarian who loses his wife and children to mob violence. He decides to use his unique skills to punish corruption and those whom the law cannot touch. Donning Kevlar painted with a skull, he cuts a bloody swath through the city, leaving hundreds of dead criminals in his wake.

He's aided by Micro ("Seinfeld's" Wayne Knight), who provides him with guns and information. The Punisher also has many admirers on the police force, and tips are easy to come by.

Armed with information and a stunning variety of weapons, he attacks a lavish dinner party thrown by the mob. Slaughtering people at the table, he's caught and released, like a deadly fish, by the police, who send him after Billy "The Beat" Rusotti (Dominic West) and his gang.

The Punisher tracks them to

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There is instruction for beginning, intermediate and advanced students by experienced deaf instructor. Vivian Marrano is the director and class coordinator.

For details, phone 781-862-8351, x 122 or email

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World Music/CRASHarts presents Ireland's Altan on Friday, January 9 at 8 p.m. at the Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge. Tickets are \$28 and \$22. For tickets and information call World Music at 617-876-4275 or buy online at www.WorldMusic.org.

Altan is regarded by many as the World's finest traditional Irish band. Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh sings ballads with seemingly effortless beauty and grace, and her duets with fellow fiddler Ciaran Tourish are the centerpiece of the group's instrumental sound.

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The Massachusetts Hunter Education Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course at the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Birch Road, Middleton on January 1, 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upon successful completion of the Basic Hunter Education course, all students will receive a Massachusetts Hunter Education Certificate.

This certificate of completion allows all person, 15 years of age or older to purchase a MA hunting or sporting license. It also allows young men and women between 15 and 17 years old to hunt alone on their Mass. hunting license.

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About the Towns *by Phyllis Nissen*

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Answering the call in Reading

"The Board of Selectmen honored a Reading man for five decades of answering the call for help whenever needed," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"A proclamation was presented to George Perry, who joined the Reading Auxiliary Fire Service in 1958 and has had 50 years of continuous service to the town as a volunteer member of the auxiliary."

"The Reading Auxiliary Fire Service is a volunteer organization that was established during World War II. The group assists Reading Fire Department personnel during fire and emergency situations (such as providing lighting at fire scenes), and also assists with charitable and community programs

run by fire personnel.

"George's son Jay and grandson Kenny are also active members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, and George's father, Jim Perry served as Reading Fire Chief from 1959-1971."

"George is also a longtime Town Meeting member, and has also served the town as a member of many town committees, including the Town Forest Committee, which he has served on since 1974 and is currently the Chairman."

Champions in Winchester

"The Board of Selectmen voted to adopt a policy on building champions, one of three new policies for energy efficiency proposed by the Energy Management Committee," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"It is expected that the

other two policies, on vehicle idling and new construction and renovation, will be met favorably when they return to the selectmen's table.

"The Energy Management Committee proposed a policy for building champions, as the policy itself states, because the town 'devotes a large part of its budget to heating, cooling, and providing electricity to town buildings. Rapid growth of these costs is siphoning money from other town programs.'

"The town manager and superintendent of schools joined with the Energy Management Committee in recommending this policy, intended to establish guidelines for encouraging building users to conserve energy."

"The building champions' policy is that the town manager and superintendent of schools will appoint building champions - the school principal, department head, or their designee - for each

major energy-consuming building in the town.

"In addition to each school, these buildings include the Town Hall, Public Safety Building, Library, DPW and cemetery buildings, water filtration plant, and the Mystic School (Recreation Department)."

"Each champion is to be responsible for advocating energy conservation efforts in the building, posting the Building Report of Energy Usage in a public space so all users can see how the building is performing, communicating the importance of energy conservation to building users, discussing energy usage and performance as a regular staff meeting agenda item and identifying actions to further reduce energy usage and much more...."

Keeping cool in Burlington

"Despite being urged to do so, the Board of Selectmen opted not to get involved in a complaint filed against the city of Boston over the Cummings Park property," notes the Burlington edition

of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The board heard from representatives of the Friends of Mary Cummings Park, Inc., which filed the complaint, as well as residents urging the board to support the action."

"While all parties who spoke expressed support for the intent of the trust, which they consider use of the property for recreation purposes, there was division on the approach to the issue."

"The 218-acre parcel is located primarily in Burlington, with a portion in Woburn. It is situated near

the Northeastern University campus....

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For additional information, write MA Hunter Education Program, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, MA 01473-0408 or call 978-632-7648.

DATES FOR NEW UMPIRE TRAINING

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announces that umpire classes for adult men, women, and teenagers (16 and older) who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, will be held on Thursday, January 15 and continue on consecutive Thursdays for the next seven weeks. Official Major League Baseball umpires exam will be administered at the end of the class.

The clinics will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Lawrence, 301 Haverhill Street. The cost for the seven week program is \$125. Anyone interested is urged to contact 2nd Vice President John Silva 978-462-4599, Rules Interpreter Ron Annand 978-681-8927 or visit www.mvua.org to complete an application.

PLAY BASEBALL NEAR COOPERSTOWN

The Blue Jays Baseball Club will be holding its 7th annual exhibition series near Cooperstown for high school varsities in the spring of 2009.

It also is holding tournaments for summer teams ages 13, 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U. Night games and games on Doubleday Field are possible. Interested coaches should

Movies

From S-2

a dockside recycling center and, during a gunfight, drops the Beaut into a glass-recycling machine. The villain emerges chopped to pieces (ala Jack Nicholson in Tim Burton's 'Batman') and has a doctor stitch his face up, with hideous results. Renaming himself Jigsaw, and with his insane brother Looney Bin Jim at his side, he vows revenge.

At the same time, the Punisher is grieving over having killed an undercover cop during the fight, and he's trying to help the widow (Julie Benz) and her adorable daughter as best he can. But, of course, Jigsaw comes after them, too.

The result? A gigantic fight, as The Punisher takes on an army of gang members inside a seedy hotel.

The movie was directed by Lexi Alexander, a former world champion kickboxer and stuntwoman, so the action scenes are done right, and are intense and brutal. But not much else is worth seeing in this one, and it wouldn't hurt to wait and rent it when it leaves theaters and hits stores, which will probably happen next week.

phone Harvey Sandig at 631-650-5759 or e-mail Cooperstown 314@aol.com with open dates.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY CHAMBER MUSIC TREAT

On Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students.

This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street, Andover. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible.

The program will include movements of chamber music by Shostakovich, Bartok, Boccherini, Popper, Faure, Bennett, Poulenc, Haydn and Brahms.

For further information please contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or email music@andover.edu.

POLAR LANDSCAPE AT PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

The Ends of the Earth, Painting the Polar Landscape opened in November at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. It captures the high drama and stark beauty of maritime explorations to the Arctic and Antarctic during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION: Besides the current Lions and the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, has any NFL team started a regular season 0-14?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

JUNIOR JACQUI BARRETT (WOBBURN) won the shot put to lead the UMass Lowell women's track and field team Saturday at the Harvard Open.

The non-scoring Open included schools from all three NCAA divisions as well as a host of athletes representing postgraduate track and field clubs from all over the Northeast.

Barrett threw for a distance of 44 feet, 11.0 inches and bested the throw of second-place Patricia Harrison of Northeastern, who posted a distance of 43' 3.25".

The UMass Lowell baseball team will travel to

Sweden for a 10-day tour, featuring a three-game series with the Swedish national team, Aug. 22-Sept. 2. Head Coach Ken Harrington announced.

The team will fly from Boston to Stockholm Saturday, Aug. 22 and will face the national team on Aug. 28, 29 and 30 in the capital city. The River Hawks are also expected to face several club teams to be announced.

"This is an opportunity to see how baseball is played in another country," Harrington said. "It is going to be a team-building experience where we will play baseball in another part of the world and learn about the customs of another country."

The trip is the result of a series of talks between Harrington and representatives of the Swedish Baseball Softball Federation which began at the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)

Convention.

There are several local players on the Lowell roster this year.

FRESHMEN PATRICK DEVLIN (TEWKSBURY) AND VINCENT DEPIERRO (TEWKSBURY), each former Merrimack Valley Conference standouts, highlight UMass Lowell's 2008-09 incoming class. Head Coach Ken Harrington announced recently.

The class of 19 players - which includes 16 freshmen and three transfers - is the largest in Harrington's tenure as he enters his fifth season at UML. The River Hawks are fresh of a 26-24 season (18-12 in the Northeast-10 Conference, tied for fourth) which saw them go 23-12 following a 3-12 start. UML advanced to the NE-10 Tournament before suffering an early exit at the hands of Pace University.

Also joining the River Hawks are former Cape Ann League all-stars **VINCENT DICESARE (LYNNFIELD)** and **PHIL PERRIELLO (LYNNFIELD)**, teammates at Lynnfield H.S.

Dicesare and Perriello are among three sets of high school teammates in the class.

Devlin, a third baseman/pitcher, and DePierro, a lefthanded pitcher, enjoyed stellar careers at Tewksbury H.S., leading the Redmen to consecutive MVC championships. A three-year starter, Devlin posted a 16-7 record and earned All-MVC honors as a junior and senior. DePierro posted a team-leading 1.00 ERA and earned team most improved honors.

Perriello and Dicesare each earned a plethora of honors at Lynnfield H.S. A four-year pitcher/outfielder, Perriello captained the squad last season and was named the team's scholar-athlete of the year. A three-year standout outfielder, Dicesare was named to both the CAL and Agannis all-star teams, and also earned Team MVP honors.

Need some help with this week's question? Think 1980.

Five members of the Harvard football team have been selected to the 2008 New England Football Championship Subdivision All-Star team, as announced by the New England Football Writers. The Crimson players are among 30 players from around New England named to the squad. The members of the team were honored at the New England Football Writers Banquet in Wilmington.

It marks the second consecutive season that Harvard

has had five selections to the All-New England team. Harvard had the most selections of any school.

Named to the team were quarterback **CHRIS PIZZOTTI (READING)**, offensive lineman James Williams (Chestnut Hill, Mass.), defensive tackle Matt Curtis (Peabody, Mass.), linebacker Eric Schultz (Alpharetta, Ga.) and defensive back Andrew Berry (Bel Air, Md.).

Pizzotti, the Ivy League's ASA Bushnell Cup MVP, capped a fantastic career by guiding the Crimson to its second consecutive championship and its third in his five-year stay in Cambridge. A finalist for the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top player, Pizzotti led the Ivy League in passing efficiency (146.19) and completion percentage (193-for-308, .627) for the second straight season. He threw for 2,490 yards - the second-highest output ever at Harvard - and tossed 17 touchdown passes, also the school's second-highest single-season output. He threw just four interceptions and in Ivy League play, threw 13 touchdown passes against just one interception.

A two-time Harvard team MVP, Pizzotti also ran for five scores and finishes his career with 37 touchdown passes and eight TD runs against just 13 picks. All told, Pizzotti completed 427 passes in his career (710 att.) for 5,675 yards and a 60.1 percent completion percentage - all of which stand as the second-best marks in their respective categories.

More simply put, Pizzotti finished his career with a 20-2 record as a starter and a 20-1 mark in games that he started and finished.

Scudieri from S-1

affects the way I react.

"I just pretended the cameras weren't there. Even though a giant camera was in front of my face most of the time I tried to sing to the audience. Having worked around cameras helped me."

The history of Community Auditions had a lot to do with Carissa becoming a contestant. Her grandfather, Benedict Faletta of Chelsea, was a fan of the original show. After seeing the new program he thought his grand-daughter would be able to do well and suggested that she try out.

Carissa finally got to see the show last spring and decided to send in her demo tape. That was in May.

"I was told they received hundreds of tapes and I was picked," Carissa said.

The original four episodes she was on were taped in June. All four shows were taped over a two day period.

During her 10 years of singing her experience has taken her to such heights as being the opening act for Percy Sledge during a concert in Boston. At 11 years old, she was the youngest person to ever sing the National Anthem for the Boston Bruins. She has also sung for the Revolution, and the Celtics.

As a student at Berklee, Scudieri sings with the group "Sista Circle." During a concert this past year the group performed with jazz saxophonist Greg Osby.

She is also one of only 15 to 20 students that got picked to perform at Berklee's Vocal Styles Concert for first year students.

Scudieri does all of her own arrangements and describes her music as a combination of soul, rhythm and blues, pop, disco and Broadway. For more information about Carissa visit her myspace at www.myspace.com/carissasinger.

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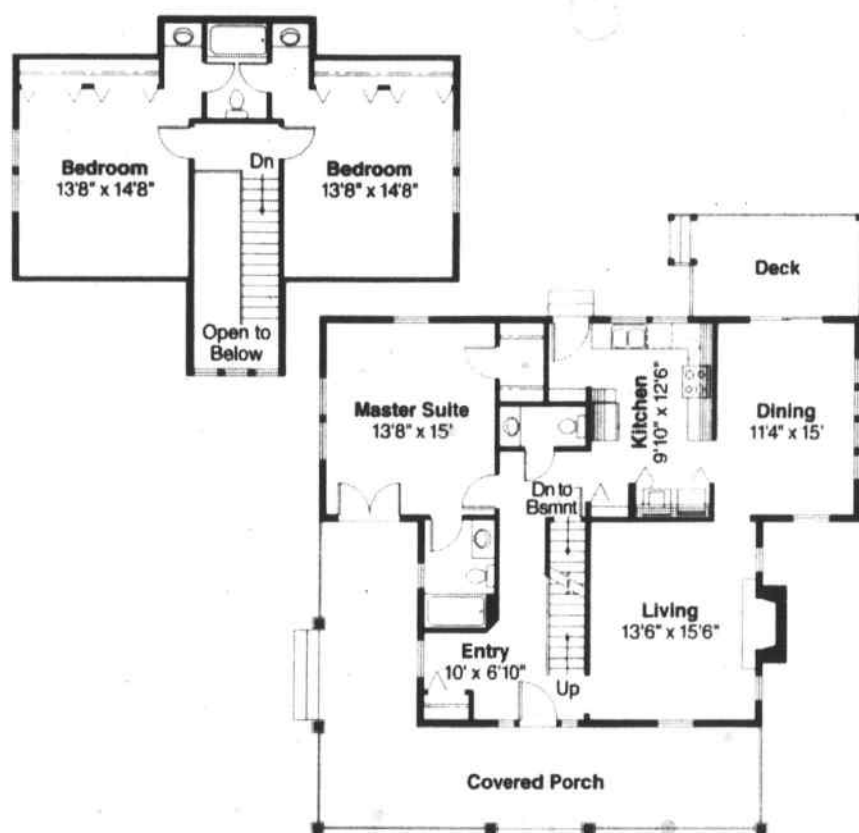
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This week's sampler:
The Altadena
A charming, compact craftsman



A welcoming front porch spans the front of the Altadena and wraps around to the left. The low-slung roofline, central dormer and thick, tapered porch columns are reminiscent of the Craftsman bungalows that were popular in the early 1900s.

Outside dimensions are 44 feet by 40 feet, allowing the home to fit neatly on a city lot. With close to 1,800 square feet of living space, this plan isn't large. But it's not to be underestimated. As a bonus, it's designed for construction over a full basement.

The entry has a high ceiling and is bright. Sunlight streams in through three windows in the dormer overhead, bathing the stairs and hallway in natural light. The living room, off to the right, has a homey stone or brick fireplace.

None of the rooms run together in this plan. The dining room is well separated from both the kitchen and the living room, yet easily accessible from either direction.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you can gaze out at the rear yard and a deck that could be extended to span the entire back of the house, if desired. Utilities hide behind folding doors, as does a small pantry. Lazy Susan shelving provides access to corner cupboards.

The master suite is roomy and practical, complete with a private bathroom and walk-in closet. French doors open onto the front porch.

Two mirror-image bedrooms are upstairs in the Altadena. Each has plenty of closet space and a private lav. Tub and toilet connect to both rooms.

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12 WESTWOOD ST was sold to Eileen & Kevin Curtin by Westwood Street RT & Lynda J. Giannetta for \$685,000

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4 AGATHA WAY was sold to Cheryl & Lawrence Hemley by North Five LLC for \$785,000
5 BIGHAM RD was sold to Divecchia Bros Const Inc by Amtrust Bank for \$200,000
64 CHESTNUT ST was sold to Robert & Robert J. Gallant by Jay L. & Marcy A. Castrucci for \$325,000
42 KINGS ROW was sold to Gretchen & Walter G. Daley by K&R RT & Kristine R. Welch for \$850,000
91 OLD ANDOVER RD was sold to GMAC Mortgage LLC by GMAC Mortgage LLC & Dawn M. King for \$225,000
5 TEN ROD WAY was sold to Michele F. & Sanders J. Shaffer by Great Lott Estates RT & Bruce D. Wheeler for \$875,000

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1 CHARLES ST #F was sold to Dudley FT & Mary A. Dudley by Juan A. Diaz Barrera & Mary C. Purcell for \$250,000
36 HEMLOCK RD was sold to David A. & Julie A. Valentino by Abraham T. & Elizabeth C. Shurland for \$445,100
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133 FRANKIN ST. #103 was sold to Mark Muldowney by Michael F. Silk for \$130,000
10 GRACEWOOD RD was sold to Joanne Stella by James J. Henaghan for \$383,000
22 HIGH ST was sold to Craig H. Garnett by Annamaria E. & Garth H. Smith for \$528,500
159 MAIN ST #23B was sold to Mark J. Melkonian by Mark J. Melkonian for \$225,000
32 WARREN ST #32 was sold to Gregory A. Firestone by HB Dev Corp for \$315,000

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130 CARDIGAN RD was sold to Jennifer A. & John J. Stanton by David W. & Mary Ann Worsman for \$417,000
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290 ALBION ST was sold to FHLM by Denise C. Vincent & Taylor Bean & Whitaker Mtg for \$426,231
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3 NAPLES RD was sold to David W. Laing & Kim D. Parlee by Adam E. & Kristin Koster Robinson for \$360,000
3 NELSON WAY was sold to Niles & Rupal Karani by JP Morgan Chase Bk for \$425,000
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23 SALEM ST was sold to Cherish Proctor by Andrew Ventura & Ann Pepper for \$225,000

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13 CABOT ST was sold to Magdalena & Marco Ferrari by Harold E. & Mary A. Werlin for \$1,350,000
4 HAWTHORNE RD was sold to Diane & Paul Hesterberg by Laura L. Krotky for \$718,000
171 SWANTON ST #69 was sold to Blakely & Jean-paul Faiella by Freya & Ronald B. Surabian for \$86,578
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7 WAINWRIGHT RD #117 was sold to Elaine M. Sarney by Sandra S. & Vincent J. Patalano for \$1,237,000

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19 ERIE ST was sold to Matthew D. & Stephanie Andella by Berj & Linda Moundjian for \$425,000
23 MAIN ST was sold to Abdullah Faisal & Abdullah Mamun by Mary A. Dudley for \$370,000
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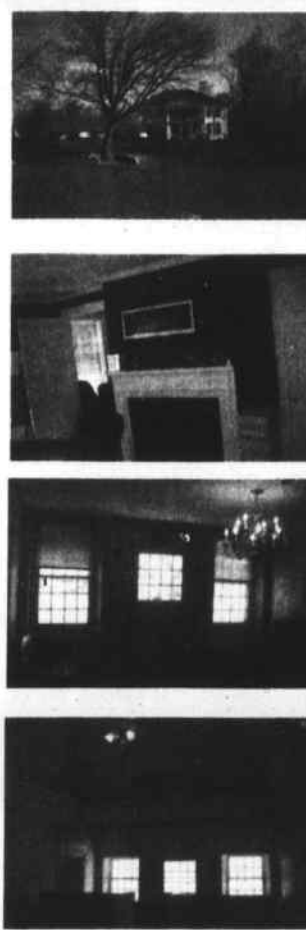
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